

Halesowen

CHRONICLE



Thursday, August 11, 2016

Read by more than 46,000 people

Price when sold 60p

GOLF CLUB FOR SALE AT £2.25m

Report by Clare Butler

"WE hope someone will take the club forward in a manner that we can all continue to be proud of."

The words of Hagley Golf and Country Club's managing director, Peter Johnson, as the popular course is put on the market, with offers invited in the region of £2.25 million.

The club at Wassell Grove, near Halesowen, has been put up for sale by the Garratt family following the death of the club's principal shareholder Michael Garratt.

Their facilities include an 18-hole (par 72) golf course, a 28-bay floodlit golf driving range, an all-weather short game area, golf academy and professional's shop.

The mature course has played host to a number of high-profile competitions, including the Senior Midlands County Regional Qualifier in 2015, the County Branthall Golf Vase in 2016, and is the proposed venue for the Worcestershire County Championship in 2017.

There is also a two storey clubhouse which includes four conference and function rooms, four bars, staff accommodation and a business centre with seven let office suites.

Mr Johnson, who took over the running of the club in 2000, added: "My family has owned the club since its inception in 1980 and the land on which it sits for more than 150 years. The family is very proud of its long association with the club and its members."

"I moved across from Australia to take over the club from my uncle. Since then it has gone from strength to strength."

Prestigious

"Some of our highlights include the business centre which opened in 2014, the refurbished locker rooms in 2015 and the main championships that we host too, which have been prestigious."

"Sadly since the death of Michael it has changed the family dynamic, so we think its the best time to test the market."

"For 36 years the family have owned the club and a lot of what we have done has been with the committee, and we would like it to remain as a golf venue rather than anything else."

The club has more than 500 members. It is set in 170 acres with views overlooking the Clent Hills and the golf course is considered one of the most challenging in the area.

Bilfinger GVA has been appointed to find a buyer. Ben Allen, who is handling the sale, said: "Hagley Golf and Country Club is a fantastic facility, one that has had the benefit of circa £600,000 capital investment in recent years. The whole property is presented to the highest of standards. The club has the air of a true members club, yet generates a strong operating profit, with turnover approaching £1.1 million, and has potential for further commercialisation."

£5 MILLION CARE COMPLEX IS NEARLY READY



The £5 million Gower Gardens Care Complex, in Kent Road, Halesowen, is close to opening its doors to residents

A 66-bedroom care complex is less than a month away from opening in Halesowen.

Gower Gardens, a three-storey home in Kent Road, is in the final stages before its doors open to new residents in September.

The build, costing £5 million, has been led by Rowley Regis-based Black Country Housing Group (BCHG) and replaces 1960s-built Shenstone Care Home demolished last year. That was closed by Dudley Council in 2012 as not fit for purpose.

The housing group has appointed manager Sandra Roper to the care home. Work on the

new building is almost complete, with attention from developers now turning to finishing the garden area.

Up to 50 jobs will be created. The care home will also feature six independent living bungalows.

Councillor Alan Taylor, who represents Halesowen South, said: "I think it is very good for the area. Visually, it looks far better than Shenstone because that was becoming an eyesore."

Sandra Roper brings more than 30 years' experience in the care sector to the new home.

Sandra, and will have responsibility for 52 staff.

Sandra said: "We can't wait to show off the amazing facilities at Gower Gardens and know that the home will provide a vibrant and active environment for residents, whilst engaging with the local community."

Gower Gardens will provide a home for older people with care needs. The new facility will also provide specialist dementia care and includes en-suite bedrooms.

BCHG will host an open day on September 4, at Gower Gardens. Call 0121 289 3965 or email gowergardens@bchg.co.uk for details.

JORDANS SOLICITORS

Friendly, efficient
and price
competitive



Here at
Jordans Solicitors
we offer, Conveyancing
both Residential and
Commercial, Wills and
Probate, Powers of Attorney
& Family Law...

If the regular office hours 9.00am to 5.00pm
Monday to Friday are not very convenient
for you we can offer Thursday evening and
Saturday morning

I Summer Hill, Halesowen B63 3BU Tel: 0121 585 3900
35 Payne Street, Blackheath, West Midlands B65 0DH
Telephone: 0121 559 2922

www.jordans-solicitors.co.uk

INSIDE:
YOUR 66 PLATE NEW REG GUIDE

MEMORY LANE	5
MARK ANDREWS	6
LETTERS	7
MOTORING	17
THE FAST TICKET	33
PUZZLES	39
PROPERTY	41
SPORT	47 & 48
CONTACT US	

EDITORIAL:
Tel: 01384 353201/01384 353205
E-mail: dudley.chrons@expressandstar.co.uk

SPORTS:
Tel: 01902 319453
E-mail: chron.sport@expressandstar.co.uk

PHOTOGRAPHIC: Tel: 01902 319430
E-mail: picturedesk@expressandstar.co.uk

ADVERTISING: Nicola Cope

Tel: 01902 319573
E-mail: nicola.cope@expressandstar.co.uk

PROPERTY: Marguerita Finnegan

Tel: 01902 319627
E-mail: marguerita.finnegan@expressandstar.co.uk

MOTORING: Liz Barratt

Tel: 01384 353244
E-mail: liz.barratt@expressandstar.co.uk

CLASSIFIED:

Tel: 01902 317878
E-mail: my-classified@expressandstar.co.uk

DISTRIBUTION: Paul Jones

Tel: 01902 319990
E-mail: p.jones@expressandstar.co.uk

Halesowen Chronicle

51-53 Queen Street

Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES

Open Monday to Friday 9am-1pm and 2pm-5pm

www.yourchronicle.com

DON'T MISS YOUR

Express & Star

EVERY DAY

PETER RHODES

The man
who takes
a sideways
look at life

EVERY SATURDAY

NIGEL HASTILOW

He always
tackles the
hot topics
head-on

Tributes paid to popular musician



John Cooke – died suddenly

TRIBUTES have been paid to a much-loved Black Country figure, known for his music and signature bandana, who has died suddenly.

John Cooke could often be seen cycling around Stourbridge, and lived in The Broadway, Norton.

According to friends he died on July 30 from a heart attack, aged 67. He was well-known for not only being a talented musician but as a mentor to others in the area, as well as a regular face in the town's Caffe Nero.

Close friend and freelance composer

Marcus Tristan has published his own musical tribute to John on Facebook. Mr Tristan was the associate composer with the St Petersburg State Symphony Orchestra Klassika, and his tribute to John is called Quixote Dreaming.

He explained: "John was a lifelong admirer and adherent of the poetry of Lord Byron, and pictured himself as the romantic hero of the poem Don Juan, swashbuckling hero who was irresistible to all women and with a sardonic wit and turn of phrase. In actual fact, John was a much deeper, more sympathetic

character than the Don in Byron. John was much more the kind, chivalrous and idealistic Don in Cervantes' Don Quixote, who tilted at windmills in idealistic fervour but who also was possessed of high moral principles which made him the kindest, most generous man I have ever known."

Memories of John have filled his Facebook page. Milton Reame-James said: "He was an intrinsic part of a great scene. I'm glad so many have shared their memories of this one-off, fun and well loved guy."

Windfall will have big impact on job prospects

MP's action call over disused pub



There are urgent calls to demolish the former Doll's House pub which has been empty for more than two years

AN MP and councillors have called for the demolition of an empty Tividale pub, which they say is an eyesore.

West Bromwich West MP Adrian Bailey has joined forces with Tividale councillors Maria Crompton, Lorraine Ashman and Sandra Hevican, to call on the London-based owners to tear down the old Doll's House.

The site is near residential properties in Newbury Lane and Ascot Close. The pub closed over two

years ago and was recently subject to a suspected arson attack.

Mr Bailey says residents are extremely concerned about the building's proximity to a petrol station. The former pub has also become a haven for fly-tippers.

The empty property is owned by MAS Properties, based in South West London. Sandwell Council wrote to the company asking it to take action, but nothing has been done.

Mr Bailey said: "I have written

to MAS Properties asking them to put the property in good order urgently. If not, then to have it demolished and the site made safe.

"If I fail to obtain a response, I shall be seeking legal advice with Sandwell Council and seeking to bring this matter to a close.

"The site has become an absolute eyesore. The situation cannot go on any longer."

No-one from MAS Properties was available to comment on the situation.

Society's mortgage applications up to £54m

A BUILDING society has reported a big increase in the number of mortgage applications and completions in the first six months of this year as more people in the Black Country look to get on to the property ladder.

Between January and June, mortgage applications at The Tipton and Coseley Building Society reached £54.86 million which compared to £38.29m during the same period last year – an increase of 43 per cent.

Half-year mortgage completions in 2016 totalled £35.91m, compared to £21.73m in 2015, which was up by more than 65 per cent for the society.

Richard Newton, the Tipton's chief executive, said: "The economic outlook remains challenging so to achieve such upbeat figures is a great achievement."

"We've helped many of our customers get onto the property ladder as a result of our competitive mortgages, which includes our new 100 per cent Family Assist and Shared Ownership mortgages, and we'll continue to work hard to widen our product range."

The Tipton's 100 per cent Family Assist mortgage has been designed to help those who don't have a deposit to borrow up to 100 per cent of the property's purchase price, with a collateral charge taken as additional security against a family member's property.

A valuation of the purchase property and family member's property are required, charged at the Tipton's normal scale fees. There are no product fees with the Family Assist mortgage.

Teams' help for leukaemia charity

TWO teams from West Bromwich firm have raised £7,371.00 for Cure Leukaemia. Dressed as mermaids, pirates and Smurfs, colleagues from Interserve's West Bromwich operation took part in a dragon boat race to raise more.

The Interserve teams joined other companies for a day of racing and family fun, in Brindleyplace, Birmingham.

Cure Leukaemia funds a network of specialist research nurses based at its Centre for Clinical Haematology at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham and across the Midlands.

These expert nurses allow blood cancer patients, that have exhausted standard treatments for the disease, access to potentially life-saving and sometimes world first clinical trials not yet available through standard care.

Zoo sadness over death of sealion

THE oldest sealion has died at Dudley Zoo. Patagonian seal Cleo died from natural causes on Thursday afternoon. In June 2 she had turned 28, making her one of the oldest sealions in captivity with life expectancy usually between 20 and 25.

ABLE & BROMLEY CARPETS/BEDS
WHOLESALE & RETAIL WAREHOUSE

UPTO 75% OFF

SOFAS, VINYL'S AND LAMINATES

Disabled. Can't Get Out. OAP Or anyone needing that extra help?
Can't come to us - We'll come to you
We will bring 100's of carpet samples, sofa and bed brochures to your door

WE DO WHAT OTHER CARPET FIRMS WON'T
Remove and take away old carpets/beds
Move heavy furniture and shave doors
Terms and conditions apply.

Unit D Dormston Trading Estate, Burton Road, Upper Gornal
www.ablecarpets.co.uk

FREEPHONE COVERS ALL AREAS
0800 0853747

Halesowen • Hasbury • Hayley Green • Rowley Regis • Oldhill • Blackheath

Adrian Bromley
01902 880541

THE CAKE COMPANY UK
Bespoke cake makers and cake supplies

Celebration cakes from £35
Wedding cakes from £199
• Edible A4 icing sheets • Cake schools

New Opening Times
Mon-Sat 9.30am
Late Night Thursdays
Open until 7pm

62 Long Lane, Halesowen B62 9LS | 0121 559 8999
Mobile: 0772 075 8172 | www.thecakecompanyuk.co.uk

HOMECLAD

- FASCIAS
- GUTTERING
- SOFFITS
- CLADDING
- TILE EDGING

BEST VALUE IN THE MIDLANDS
PREMIUM PRODUCTS EXPERTLY FITTED BY A LOCAL FAMILY COMPANY

SPECIAL OFFER
FREE guttering and downpipes

0800 73 13 946
CALL FOR A NO OBLIGATION QUOTE

8 ABBOTSFORD DRIVE DUDLEY DY1 2HD

BROKEN DENTURES?
The Dental Shop While You Wait Denture Repair Service! Denture Cleaning Service Available! Makers of Quality New Dentures!

BOOK NOW!
01384 413444

EMERGENCY WEEKEND DENTURE REPAIR SERVICE!
07701 067261

The Dental Shop 291-293 Kidderminster Road, Old Hill, B64 6HE

Footworks Chiropractic Clinic

Treatments available are:

- Diabetic Foot Care
- Corn Removal
- Callus Reduction
- Toe Nail Cutting and Trimming
- Ingrown Toe nail removal
- General Foot Care

Home Visit Service Available!
01384 413444

Footworks 201-203 Halesowen Road, Old Hill, B64 6HE

Councils in different policies on term holidays

PARENTS who take their children out of schools in Staffordshire for holidays of up to 10 days will no longer be fined – but Dudley Council is still insisting that absences in term time will only be allowed ‘in exceptional circumstances’.

County council bosses voted on the temporary rule change following the recent Isle of Wight case, which saw a father fined £120 after he took his daughter out of school for a holiday. The High Court decided his punishment was unlawful, prompting Staffordshire to suspend fining parents.

Councils across the country have issued more than 208,000 holiday fines, reaping £12.5 million, since laws were brought in during 2013 allowing them to fine each parent £60 for each child taken out of school during term time.

Councillor Ben Adams, Staffordshire’s education chief, said the decision to impose a 10-day limit on term-time holidays pending a full review was ‘a commonsense approach’.

Holidays taken in school holidays can cost thousands of pounds more than those during term. The Wight case is currently under appeal.

Councillor Ian Cooper, Dudley Council’s cabinet member for children’s services, said that schools would ‘continue not to authorise leave of absence in term time except in exceptional circumstances’.

“For the time being it does mean we have revised our procedures and are taking into account a longer period of time when assessing whether to take proceedings or not,” he added.

Engineers sign up firm for £12m

A TIVIDALE street lighting manufacturer has been bought by West Midlands engineering group Hill & Smith in a £12.5 million deal.

Signature Ltd employs around 130 people at its three sites, at Tividale, Winsford in Cheshire and Renfrewshire in Scotland.

Hill & Smith, which makes road safety barriers at its factory in Bilston, said Signature’s road signs, traffic signals, street lights and bus shelters would add to its existing range of products.

There is no suggestion the deal will have any impact on jobs.

Signature, based at Haining Road, had been sold to Hill & Smith by its previous owner, the French-based Plastic Omnium Group.

Police in witness plea over stabbing

A TEENAGER was in a serious but stable condition in hospital after being stabbed in the leg in Lye High Street. Police are appealing for witnesses after an 18-year-old man was stabbed at 1.44am Sunday. Call 101.



LAPAL HOUSE



The aftermath of devastation caused by the huge fire at Environcom's yard in Lye

Scene of the damage after massive blaze

A HUGE fire at a recycling firm in the Black Country started accidentally, it has been revealed as new images emerge showing the aftermath of the blaze.

The fire happened at Environcom's recycling yard in Lye on Sunday.

West Midlands Fire Service investigators have said the fire was accidental, caused by the over-heating of a cooling substance recycling from fridges and freezers at the site.

Huge plumes of black smoke from the fire at the Rufford Street site was visible for miles around, even from

the Edgbaston cricket ground. It led to a stretch of Stourbridge Road being closed for several hours and a cautionary warning to trains passing nearby.

Pictures of the devastation caused by the blaze have been shared on Twitter by Sandwell photographer John Kennett, including charred cars at neighbouring Stratstone Land Rover.

The flames spread from Environcom's recycling yard to the dealer-ship, who have confirmed that they have now passed the incident on to their insurers.

On Monday a spokesman for Environcom said: “We would like to thank the West Midlands Fire Service for their prompt and effective response to the incident.”

“We regret the disruption and damage this caused to third parties.”

It is the third fire at the Lye recycling site in nine years, with the last being in April 2011 when it was Overton Recycling Ltd and a 30-ton pile of plastic went up in flames.

In May 2007, staff were evacuated after a fire started in a recycling ma-

NEWS IN BRIEF

Night time road closures ahead

A SECTION of Birmingham New Road will undergo three weeks of road resurfacing.

Highways bosses have given the green light to improve the road surface along a section of the A4123 Birmingham New Road, south of Tipton Road to Conegreen Road – close to Burnt Tree junction.

The work on the 900 metre section of road, north and southbound, starts on Monday and is expected to last three weeks. It will be carried out on weekday nights, from 7pm, to minimise disruption for motorists.

Lead poison link to death of swan

A SWAN has died from suspected lead poisoning despite efforts by firefighters to save it.

Brierley Hill Fire Station helped to rescue the swan, after it was found by a member of the public in Cressett Avenue, Brierley Hill. In a tweet West Midlands Fire Service said: “Poor swan sadly suffering from suspected lead poisoning. Passed to @RSPCA official following rescue by crews.”

The swan subsequently died. An RSPCA spokesman said: “This is a reminder about how dangerous fishing tackle can be for wildlife.”

History of glass is subject of talk

STOURBRIDGE’S glassmaking heritage will be in the spotlight during a talk at the town’s library next week.

British Glass Foundation trustee Graham Fisher will give the talk, called ‘A New Home – The White House Cone’ start at 2.30pm on Wednesday (August 17).

Refreshments will be available from 2pm.

For more information and to book tickets, priced £3, contact the library on 01384 812945.

Mayor to hand out garden show prizes

COMMUNITY gardens in Dudley are holding their second show this weekend. It is at the Jasmine Road Community Gardens, Kates Hill, on Saturday from 11am to 4pm, with plants for sale and entertainment.

The theme is up-cycling, which aims to find new uses for materials.

Councillor Mo Hanif, Mayor of Dudley, will hand out certificates to show winners. Categories include largest vegetable, the most classic shaped vegetable and the best up-cycled product.

Arthritis support group

A SUPPORT group is on offer for people with arthritis in Dudley. The Dudley Rheumatoid Arthritis support group meets from 1.30 to 3.30pm on the first Thursday of the month at the King William pub, Pensnett Road, Holly Hall. Details via Edith on 01902 676 136 or Barbara on 01902 885734.



Former EastEnders and 80s New Romantic pop star Martin Kemp will talk about his life and will answer fans' questions at Stourbridge Town Hall

Pop star and actor to meet his fans

POP star turned actor, TV and radio presenter, Martin Kemp, will be discussing his life and answering fans' questions at Stourbridge Town Hall.

The 54-year-old found fame with his brother Gary in flamboyant pop group Spandau Ballet, before starring with his brother in 1990 hit movie The Krays.

The Londoner went on to play EastEnders villain Steve Owen. He was third in Celebrity Big Brother in 2012 and recently co-presented BBC Radio 2's Saturday morning show during Graham Norton's summer break.

Martin, who has been married to former Wham! backing singer Shirlie Holliman since 1988 and has two adult children, came to Dudley ten years ago to open Russells Hall Hospital's CT scanning suite. He has twice been treated for brain tumours.

Tickets for An Audience with Martin Kemp at Stourbridge Town Hall on Friday, October 28, cost £20. Tickets are available at www.dudley.gov.uk/entertainment or by calling (01902) 812812 (booking fees apply).

Lapal Lane South, Halesowen B62 0ES

We currently have a vacancy at our Prestigious Residential Home.

For further information please ring Michelle Upperdine

0121 503 0326 or email

admin@lapalhouse.co.uk

Or visit our website www.lapalhouse.co.uk to view video of Lapal House



YOU know how it is when you read a court case and think, no, that can't be right. A driver in Norfolk was clocked driving at 154 mph in something called a Seat Leon Cupra. The magistrates ordered him to pay £365 and banned him for 56 days. At first I assumed either the speed or the sentence was wrongly reported. But no, it seems the going rate for driving at 94 mph over the speed limit in Norfolk is a little less than two months off the roads. Police have described the sentence as "disappointing" which demolishes my initial theory that the 21-year-old driver must have been the Chief Constable's lad.

THE Seat Leon Cupra, incidentally, is capable of 155mph. Why is such a car offered for sale in a country where the maximum limit is 70mph? How does a 21-year-old get insurance to drive it?



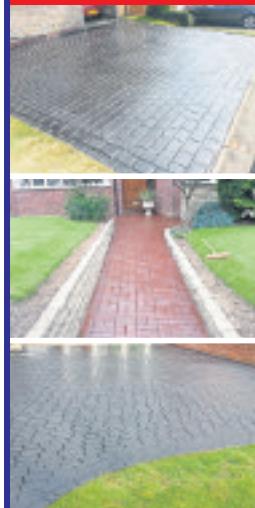
NO, no, Donald. You're supposed to kiss the baby, not chuck it out of the meeting. American politics is founded on babies, motherhood and apple pie. Trump has managed to bad-mouth the first two in a single week. How long before he is overheard muttering: "Goddamn apple pie, I hate it."

AND off to Sudeley Castle in the Cotswolds. As at so many attractions, there is a discount for over-60s in the belief that old people who can afford to wander around mediaeval castles are all living in grinding poverty. What happens in practice is that grey-haired folk glide into the car park in their BMWs and Mercs and get £1 knocked off the entry fee while ordinary working couples turn up in battered old people carriers and pay the full whack.

A FRIEND'S new house boasts four lavatories. Three are the modern, eco-friendly, water-saving WCs. The fourth is an old-fashioned low-level job with a cistern connected to the pan by a short pipe. The strange part is that the old-fashioned bog works perfectly with one flush but the modern ones have to be flushed twice.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

DO YOU HAVE A BLOCK PAVING OR CONCRETE IMPRINT DRIVE?



- WEEDS GROWING THROUGH?
- CRACKS APPEARING?
- UNUSUALLY SLIPPERY WHEN WET?
- COLOUR FADING?
- WHITE & GREEN ALGAE SPOTS?



AT BTF CLEANING WE SPECIALISE IN CLEANING, REPAIRING, RECOLOURING & SEALING DRIVEWAYS & PATIOS.

Our expert knowledge and experience brings back to life the most dull & worn of driveways & patios.
We also specialise in cleaning all uPVC conservatories, gutters, fascias & soffits.

BTF
CLEANING SERVICES LIMITED

www.btfcleaningservices.co.uk

Narrow Lane, Halesowen,
West Midlands. B62 9ND
Tel/Fax No: 01384 568345
Mob: 07979 211302

Hopes over funds for queue-busting scheme

HIGHWAYS bosses say they are hopeful a multi-million scheme to tackle congestion at a busy roundabout will be 'at the top of the queue' when funding to roads projects is allocated.

Sandwell Council chiefs admit they are facing a wailing game over a proposed transformation of the Birchley Island in Oldbury, a notorious Black Country bottleneck.

By Richard Guttridge

stuck in jams at the roundabout which leads onto the M5 and is also on a major route in Birmingham.

If and when the work begins, it is expected to take two years to complete.

Birchley Island is used by around 92,000 drivers a day. Queues regularly build up during rush hour, particularly on the Birmingham New Road side heading towards the M5.

An overhaul of the roundabout has been backed by regular users – with 83 per cent of the public, motorists and businesses in favour of the congestion-busting proposal.

Under the plans, Wolverhampton Road will be reconstructed so it passes through the current island in both directions next to the electricity sub-station. There will also be four lanes from junction two of the M5 to and from Birchley Island and traffic signals will be installed along the Churchbridge approach.

Positive

"It has received a positive endorsement that the council has the scheme shovel ready and ready to go by bringing it forward to the LEP and ensure Sandwell is at the top of the queue, so when the funding does become available hopefully we will see it come to fruition."

It was hoped work could have started by the end of last year, but drivers still regularly find themselves

Romy noses around her home



Giant Anteater Romy in her paddock at Dudley Zoo

DUDLEY Zoo has welcomed a special new arrival at the Castle Hill attraction.

For all the species that the zoo has on offer, 11-month-old Romy is the first giant anteater at the zoo its 79-year history.

And Romy has wasted no time in roaming, she has been out and about exploring her new surroundings. The anteater has joined from Olomouc Zoo in the Czech Republic.

Curator Richard Brown, said: "We're very excited to have Romy here. As a lot of visitors mistake our Brazilian tapirs for anteaters, they can actually see them now too and notice the differences."

"As we approach the zoo's 80th anniversary next year, it's great to still be bringing in new animals and be involved in even more conservation programmes."

Romy took her first steps out into her new paddock last week.

A species found in the tropical forests and grasslands of Central and South America, anteaters have no teeth and use their long tongues, which can project more than two feet, to eat up to 35,000 ants and termites a day in the wild.

One in five passengers has to stand for a Brum rail journey

A FIFTH of rail passengers have to stand when travelling on trains in and out of Birmingham every day, according to a new report.

According to the Department of Transport, 20 per cent of passengers arriving at Birmingham on a typical day last year had to stand.

This compares to 30 per cent of passengers travelling in and out of London, 16 per cent in Leeds and Manchester and 12 per cent in Cardiff.

A total of 125,000 people travelled in an out of Birmingham on a typical day last year, only second to London, which had more than a million travellers a day.

The report said: "The worsening crowding levels show that capacity provision is not coping with rising levels of passenger demand."

Rail Minister Paul Maynard said: "These statistics reveal the unprecedented scale of passenger demand, with journeys doubling in the past 20 years."

The news has disappointed train drivers' union, Aslef. Mick Whelan, general secretary, said: "It's long been our contention that privatisation has failed to deliver for rail passengers in Britain. We're disappointed – but not surprised – by these figures. Disappointed for those passengers – especially those who are pregnant, or disabled – who have to suffer like this."

STOP PAIN...

..With our specialist in Acupuncture, Acupressure, Cupping & Ear Candle



We can help if you

- Suffer with pains in neck, shoulder, elbow, lower back & knee
- Suffer with pain or arthritis, trapped nervous, soft tissue injury & sciatica
- Suffer with pain from swollen joints after operations such as hip replacement and knee replacement
- Suffer with overweight

We can also help

- Infertile couples to get pregnant with a high success rate through acupuncture and herbs
- Infertile couples improving egg quality and sperm count prior to IVF treatment

Or any symptoms you are not sure of, visit us for a confidential consultation or telephone for an appointment

UK Registered
20 Years
Experience

Open 10.30 - 5.30
Monday - Saturday



10B Peckingham Street,
Halesowen

0121 585 9393



Hugh Porter, Councillor Steve Walther and Micky Whitehouse at Jack's plaque



Cross Country championship medal



Jack Price on the way to victory in the Midlands marathon, which saw him qualify for the 1908 Olympics



No mistaking who this belongs to



Medal for winning marathon trial race

Decades on and medal is found in grandson's loft

MEMORY LANE

By Alex Ross

IT was won by a Black Country runner more than 110 years ago in one of the first organised marathons in England.

But Jack Price's winning Coventry entry to West Bromwich trial marathon medal lay undiscovered for decades – a great shame for Halesowen Athletics Club, which he helped set up.

Professional

But that disappointment has turned to delight for athletics fans after the medal was discovered by his grandson Micky Whitehouse as he searched for wedding photographs in his loft of his Halesowen home.

"I couldn't believe it when I came across the medal," said Mr Whitehouse. "I picked it up, read the inscription and thought 'I've found it'."

"It is a real treasure which will be

now kept in the family, passed down to the next generation."

The inscription reads 'Presented to J Price, Small Heath Harriers, by Mr HA Butler for winning marathon trial race, May 9 1908. Distance 25 1/2 miles. Time 2hrs 37min 13sec.'

The race, thought to be one of the first of its kind, sealed Price's position in the 1908 Olympic Games in London. He was one of Britain's 12 representatives for the marathon.

Unfortunately, he pulled out after 15 miles.

He turned professional but then served in the First World War in the Royal Garrison Artillery, fighting at The Battle of the Somme.

In the 1920s, he started a club that was a sub-section of Birchfield Harriers for 20 years before it became the Halesowen Athletics & Cycling Club.

His links with it continued until

his death in 1965 and club members turned up in their droves at the plaque unveiling.

Earlier this year a plaque was unveiled for Price, who was born in Shropshire but moved to Halesowen aged 17, in his home town's Somers Square.

And a drive at Halesowen Athletics Club's Manor Abbey Stadium has been named after him.

Mr Whitehouse said: "I have been calling for 25 years to get the plaque. He deserved it."

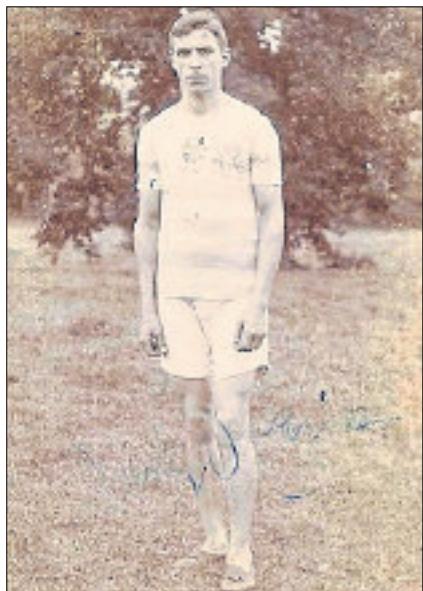
Proud

"He was an amazing person and someone I am proud to say was part of my family."

Also found by Mr Whitehouse, of Barn Close, was a medal for an international cross country championship in 1906.

Mr Whitehouse said: "He was a remarkable man."

Halesowen Athletics & Cycling Club now plan to make a copy of the marathon medal and put it on display.



Jack Price wearing his 1908 Olympic and International Cross Country badges

A Summer Sensation ... from RYDALE

Windows & Conservatories, Orangeries, Porches, Fascias & Soffit Boards

RYDALE

CELEBRATING Our 31st ANNIVERSARY 2016



MASSIVE DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE ON AUGUST INSTALLATIONS

Every window and conservatory is custom made to the most rigorous quality standards you will find in the industry.

No other company in the area has more experience and know how than Rydale, and that's why we have been in business for more than 31 years.



Replace the existing roof on your conservatory and create a comfortable environment and a room you can use all year round



Long Lane, Blackheath,
Halesowen B62 9LS

Open Weekdays 9am to 5.30pm
Saturday 9am to 4pm Sunday Closed

Make the **RIGHT** decision this Spring and give Rydale a ring...

FREEPHONE 0800 917 6060
www.rydalewindows.co.uk

No deposits or stage payments, you only pay when the installation has been completed



Liquidator call brings back dark memories

BRING back The Liquidator is the message coming from the crowds at Molineux, who want to hear the classic reggae tune return to match days.

More than 750 have signed a petition calling for the Harry J Allstars instrumental to be played at the start of home games, after it was dropped in the 1990s when fans began singing obscenities about their rivals to the tune.

It all reminds me of the dark days in the 1980s, when the Bhatti Brothers were in charge. Nobody was calling for The Liquidator then.

□ □ □

IT IS 25 years this week since former British hostage John McCarthy was freed from captivity in Beirut. November will mark the 25th anniversary since Terry Waite was freed.

Waite, one might recall, was the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy who travelled to Beirut in an attempt to persuade terror group Islamic Jihad to free the hostages, including McCarthy, Second World War hero Jackie Mann, and Irish lecturer Brian Keenan.

He went there on trust, believing that as a man of the church, rather than a politician or diplomat, the terrorists would listen to him.

He was wrong. Instead of honouring the trust placed in them, the men of Islamic Jihad concocted a story about the hostages being ill and needing to see him. They then kidnapped him and kept him in solitary confinement for the best part of five years.

Since his release, Waite has worked tirelessly for several charities, and given up his time to help the families of other hostages. He was made a CBE for his efforts.

Meanwhile, in David Cameron's resignation honours list, Will Straw, the son of former home secretary Jack Straw is also recommended to become a CBE.

His only notable contribution to date is organising the failed campaign for Britain to remain in the European Union.

David Cameron's former press secretary Craig Oliver is to be given a knighthood, while a couple of wealthy Tory Party donors are also in line for life peerages.

Is a political spin doctor really to be valued more highly than a man who knowingly put his life on the line in the hope of helping others?

Does spreading scare stories about leaving the EU really equate to a lifetime's selfless charity work?

Surely by now, Terry Waite has done enough to earn a knighthood.

And I can't help but think he would use a seat in the House of Lords to far greater impact than any political placeman.



Tons and tons of recycling waiting to be sorted



Bins left on the pavement waiting to be collected

Why some bin rules are often rubbished

Recycling – what is OK to dispose of in one area could be rejected by a neighbouring council, as ROB COX explains

FROM empty juice cartons to yoghurt pots and plastic bags – many people are unclear about what they can and cannot put in their recycling bins.

And to make matters worse moving house in Staffordshire or the Black Country can change the rules entirely.

What goes in Dudley might not go in Sandwell and what is wasted in Stafford might be saved in Wolverhampton.

There are some things that are collected and recycled from all homes serviced by our region's local authorities: Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell, South Staffordshire, Stafford, Cannock and Walsall.

These include glass bottles, newspapers, magazines and cardboard.

Nappies

And there are some items which are not accepted as street collection recycling by any of the councils including nappies and polystyrene. But there are other items where the rules are not universal.

Plastic bags are accepted in recycling bins in Stafford, Cannock, Sandwell, South Staffordshire and Walsall. But try putting them in your recycling bins in Dudley or Wolverhampton and you might find yourself in a spot of bother.

Firstly, if there are notable amounts of plastic bags or other wrong items, your bin may not be collected.

And if the unsuitable items are not spotted, the whole vehicle load of recycling could be contaminated, which could result in it being rejected for recycling and diverted to landfill.

The vast majority of homes in the Black Country and Staffordshire can put out empty food containers – namely juice cartons, mar-



Too much rubbish and bin overfull, with lids open, is frowned upon

garine tubs and yoghurt pots – and have them taken away for recycling from their doorstep.

That is unless you live in Dudley where these items are prohibited from the borough's black boxes, blue bags and green boxes. But they can be taken to recycling banks or placed in a home's general waste bin.

Advice on Dudley Council's website, states: "Plastic items such as yoghurt pots, margarine tubs and meat trays tend to be made of lower grades of plastics that are difficult to recycle, please don't include them in your green bag."

"All of the waste we collect from your grey

bin, including plastic items unsuitable for recycling, is used to generate electricity rather than being sent to landfill.

"We are unable to collect food and drink cartons (such as fruit juice or UHT milk) through the kerbside recycling service.

"These can be taken to a number of recycling banks located across the borough, or disposed of in the grey bin."

* For detailed information on 'what goes where' in your bins visit your local authority's website.



**SUMMER
SALE**
UP TO 20% OFF

- ✓ Old Buildings Removed
- ✓ Asbestos Disposal
- ✓ Base Laying Service
- ✓ Free Quotations

**CONCRETE GARAGE ROOF
REPLACEMENT SERVICE**



Wooden Sheds
HUGE RANGE
FULL TONGUE & GROOVE

Prices from Delivery Only Delivered & Fitted
6ft x 4ft £239 £274
7ft x 5ft £269 £309
8ft x 6ft £299 £344



Concrete Garages
FREE FITTING

Prices from
Single Garage 16ft x 8ft £1599
Double Garage 16ft x 16ft £3199



Summer Houses
FREE FITTING

Prices from
7ft x 5ft £599
8ft x 6ft £725
8ft x 8ft £789

Without Verandah
Without Verandah
Includes Verandah



Log Cabins & Garden Rooms
VIEW ONLINE

Fitting service available
Wall Log 44mm T&G Double Glazed Insulated Options

✓ Huge Range ✓ Made To Measure Service ✓ Lined & Insulated Options ✓ Quality At Competitive Prices

Show site (open 7 days): Tildasley Street,
West Bromwich B70 9SJ (Next to Staples)

Visit our website:
www.bettabuildings.co.uk

Call us now:
0121 553 4682

We make it **BETTA**
BUILDINGS

Short-sighted and unacceptable

I WOULD like to add my comments regarding funding cuts to voluntary organisations across Dudley Borough.

I have worked in the voluntary sector since 1981 and while now retired from employment I volunteer and am a board member of a number of voluntary and charitable organisations. I fully accept changes are needed and some cuts are inevitable.

Voluntary organisations manage their limited resources very well and the additional fundraising and involvement of volunteers vastly increases the value for money

We owe the fallen to hold parade

IN response to your headline about police not able to supervise/manage traffic for thee remembrance day parades in Dudley. I understand their need to prioritise resources, but these parades deserve it.

I was glad to hear that off-duty police/PCSOs, etc are being asked to volunteer to cover these events, but the parade and remembrance service in Dudley town is well attended every year, and gets stronger, especially in these troubled times.

The figure of £1,500 quoted to have it supervised professionally is not that much, there must be funds somewhere to cover it, or a donation from business people. If I had my way, all traffic (except emergency vehicles) would be stopped during the two minutes' silence, as it used to years ago. Our war memorial service in town is sometimes blighted by traffic noise.

We all owe the fallen. It's not all about money or time lost.

Respect,
P WINCHURCH
Dudley

of the services provided. As usual in Dudley there appears to be little co-ordination and services are being taken away before something else is put in place.

The impact of this uncoordinated approach to funding cuts will fall immediately, as always, on the vulnerable including frail and lonely older people, those with sight loss and debilitating long term conditions and their carers. In my opinion this impact is inevitable, short-sighted and unacceptable.

S HUBAND
Kinver

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

POST

Dudley Chronicle,
Chronicle Editorial,
51-53 Queen Street
Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES

EMAIL

dudley.chrons@
expressandstar.co.uk

Letters should be brief and MUST include name, address and telephone number. The Editor reserves the right to condense letters.

Labour could face years of oblivion

IN 1980, in response to an election defeat, Michael Foot was made leader of the Labour Party. He was an honourable man, intelligent and sincere in his beliefs. However, his strongly held left-wing politics and criticisms of weak leadership made him an unpopular leader and in 1983, Labour suffered a catastrophic election defeat.

He was replaced by Neil Kinnock who spent a decade fighting a civil war against a left wing group within the party.

The result was two further election defeats. Eventually Labour managed to move itself more towards the centre political ground under John Smith and then Tony Blair. Their election

victory in 1997 genuinely felt like a new start but, of course it all ended in tears.

I look in despair at the current state of the Labour Party. The leader Jeremy Corbyn is an honourable man, intelligent and sincere in his beliefs. However, his strongly held left-wing politics and weak leadership have made him unpopular among his colleagues.

He is, however, supported by a left-wing group within the party. This group looks likely to maintain Jeremy Corbyn in his position but the great danger is that after Jeremy's 15 minutes of fame, Labour will be condemned to a further 15 years of political oblivion.

N RIDNEY
Kingswinford

Sedgley

Centres bring pleasure to old

I SEE that Dudley Council has withdrawn its funding for Age UK activities in the Dudley area.

As a volunteer who goes to one of these centres I see the pleasure they bring to older people. The majority of these live on their own. Most of these centres provide a lifeline were they can meet their friends, play bingo, take part in activities.

We are not looking after our ageing population. The faceless, highly-paid pen pushing bureaucrats should get behind their desks and visit these centres.

J CONNORS
Sedgley

Still football dominates

NOW the Tour de France has finished, can I ask all of those people who deride cycling as a sport to get a video, particularly of the last two mountain stages, and watch what it is all about?

The number of riders who crashed, but got back onto their bikes and finished the stages – injured and bloodied, with torn clothing, yet finished the race. And footballers dominate our sports pages? And what about the thousands who stood for hours waiting for the race to pass for their love of cycling?

Former top racing cyclist Eddy Merckx, was once challenged by Feyenoord players to prove which sport was the hardest. Eddy worked with them for a week, but they could only last a few days with him. Ask Geoff Thomas what he thinks of the comparison.

P COLE
Kingswinford

THE SD MASSIVE CLEARANCE SALE

Brintons Axminster	£16.95 sq. yd.
Sensations heathers	£12.95 sq. yd.
Wiltons Heavy Domestic	£9.95 sq. yd.
Majestic Saxony Stainfree	£9.95 sq. yd.
Apollo +	£6.95 sq. yd
Vinyls	£7.95 sq. yd.
Care Free Felt Back	£3.95 sq. yd.

Plus many more great offers instore

FACTORY CLEARANCE OF OVER 200 PART ROLLS WITH SAVINGS OF UP TO 75%

STD are the largest stockists of carpets in the Midlands with the best selection, the best fitters, and are NEVER undercut on price

10% off All end rolls with this voucher
(*First week of sale only)

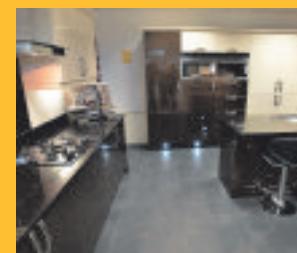
Open 6 days a week 9.00 to 5.30
Sunday 10.30 to 4.00
Closed Wednesdays

Church Street, Brierley Hill
01384 76448



Quality Kitchen Makeovers Ltd

UNBEATABLE QUALITY AND VALUE FROM THE BESPOKE SPECIALISTS



Don't Settle for Less

- Kitchens ● Bedrooms
- Bathrooms ● Extensions
- Loft Conversions
- Home Offices

From a door or worktop replacement to an extension



What our customers say...

"Wonderful kitchen, I have already recommended you and would not hesitate to recommend QKM to anyone."

"Can't believe the transformation from start to finish, totally professional."

Appliances: Neff, Bosch, Rangemaster, Belling, Hotpoint, Stoves and many more
Franke Sinks 50 Year Guarantee

HOMEOWNERS...

Looking to Sell?
Enhance the prospects of selling your property - stunning results for a minimum outlay

Just Moved In?
Let us help to transform your property into a dream home

Decided to Stay?

Fall in love again with your home - Revamp your kitchen, bedroom or bathroom and allow us to show your home's true potential

Bring us your dream pictures and we will bring them to life

At QKM
We are dedicated to offering our customers the finest service within the home improvement market

THE GUILD
OF MASTER CRAFTSMEN
Membership No A120074

'We have customers who would be more than happy to show you the excellent standard of work'

40% OFF

Doors and Drawers
Before 31st August 2016

10% OFF

All New Kitchens,
Bedrooms, Bathrooms
OFFERS CANNOT BE COMBINED

Did you know 80% of our customers are retired?

60% plus of all our appointments are referrals or existing customers requiring further work.

Find out why we are trusted for yourself

BOOK YOUR NO OBLIGATION QUOTE TODAY ON 01384 232413

Head Office & Showroom
149 Cinder Bank, Netherton, Dudley, DY2 9BL
01384 232413

Open Mon - Fri 9am - 5.30pm,
Thursdays 9am - 7pm
Saturdays 10am - 4pm

Stourport Showroom
33 High Street, Stourport-on-Severn DY13 8BE
01299 877718

Open Tue, Wed & Sat 10.00am - 5.30pm
Thursday 10.00am - 7.00pm
Stourport closed Monday & Friday

Customer satisfaction guaranteed.
WE WILL NOT LET YOU DOWN

ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED



Bodysnatcher ale
a knockout brew



Darren McDermott, left, enjoys the tipple with Sadler's Brewery ambassador Ian Bradshaw

ONE particular ale packed a punch at the Dudley Beer Festival as it was named after one of the town's former boxing champions.

Sadler's Brewery in Lye has dubbed its latest ale 'the Black Country Bodysnatcher,' the nickname of retired fighter Darren McDermott. 'Macca' was on hand himself to taste the concoction with its creators during the week-end-long event at Brierley Hill Civic Hall.

The 38-year-old is still involved in the sport as a coach and has his own club, Brooklands, who are soon to relocate to Mount Tabor Church in Woodsetton.

The gym will benefit from sales of the tipple, which has a strength of 4.3 per cent, with the profits generated being donated to Brooklands.

McDermott hung up his gloves in almost tragic circumstances four years ago, when he underwent brain surgery after sustaining a blow to the head in sparring.

The former Midlands and English middleweight champion was forced to call time on a career that also saw him challenge for the British and Commonwealth titles.

Attacker sentenced to 29 years in prison

A MAN who pushed his ex-partner out of a third floor window and tried to stab two police officers has been jailed for 29 years.

After Marlon Bills shoved Lisa Turner through the window, she clung to the ledge, but he peeled back her fingers, sending her plunging to the ground.

She managed to flee despite sustaining a broken back and ankle, Birmingham Crown Court heard. Bills, a father of five, who was 'in a state of rage', then tried to attack two officers who had kicked down his bedroom door after being sent to arrest him on December 10.

Bills, aged 44, of Himley Road, Dudley, was described as 'arrogant, vindictive and calculating' by Judge Patrick Thomas QC. He was found guilty of causing grievous bodily harm with intent and two charges of attempted wounding with intent after a trial in June.

Jurors found him not guilty of attempted murder. He had pleaded guilty to breaching a restraining order. The judge handed

Bills a 29-year extended term for causing GBH with intent. For each of the two counts of attempted wounding with intent he was given eight years, with 12 months in prison for the breach of a restraining order, to run concurrently.

He also ordered him to pay Miss Turner £10,000 of compensation within six months.

Mr Christopher Whitehouse, defending, said alcohol 'appears to be a very substantial factor - if not the factor - in Bills' offending'.

Marlon Bills

eight years, with 12 months in prison for the breach of a restraining order, to run concurrently.

He also ordered him to pay Miss Turner £10,000 of compensation within six months.

Mr Christopher Whitehouse, defending, said alcohol 'appears to be a very substantial factor - if not the factor - in Bills' offending'.

Hagley Kitchens

Beautiful Kitchens & Bathrooms, Designed with Imagination and Skillfully Fitted with Care



Halesowen Chronicle

Thursday, August 11, 2016

"A beautiful new kitchen..."

We are so pleased we chose Hagley Kitchens - for Graham and his team nothing was to much trouble...Thank you" Tony & Beryl Rhead - Halesowen



"like magic everything was in place... tiling, electrics, and beautiful appliances... a fantastically designed kitchen. Graham made everything simple" Audrey Basterfield, Hasbury

"They gave us our perfect kitchen, a great local company." Sandra Donnelly, Kingswinford

"The kitchen of our Dreams, we made so many changes but all was completed with so little fuss... I love showing off my new kitchen to everyone!! Norah & Chris Painter, Pedmore

"A major project completed on time without any problems at all" Gill McKenzie, Codsall

Guaranteed unbeatable on price

See some of our range of beautiful Modern and Traditional kitchens at: www.HagleyKitchens.co.uk

INSTALLATION • TILING • GAS • ELECTRIC • PLUMBING • BUILDING

HASBURY WINDOWS Ltd.

QUALITY | VALUE | SERVICE

SUMMER OFFERS!

It's the Best Time of Year to Fit New Windows!

- Your local well established business offering top quality products and service
- No payment until completion
- Call us now for a great deal on your new windows and doors
- Visit our showroom
- Deal direct with the owner

Sealed Units Replacement available



It HAS to be HASBURY

INLITEN FRONT DOOR in WHITE
From Only
£550
...Including fitting!



INLITEN BACK DOOR in WHITE
From Only
£490
...Including fitting!

6 FLAT WINDOWS & 2 DOORS
From Only
£2999
...Including fitting AND VAT!

"We will Beat ANY Genuine Written Quote"



HASBURY WINDOWS Ltd.
QUALITY | VALUE | SERVICE

9 Halesowen Road, Halesowen, West Midlands B62 9AA
Telephone: 0121 421 7001 | 0121 421 2104

SHOWROOM OPEN: Mon-Fri 8.00am - 5.00pm | Sat - 10.00am - 1.00pm
PHONELINES OPEN: 9.00am - 9.00pm

FENSA
Registered 30179

Highest Quality Products supplied by

CAMDEN



WHERE TRADITIONAL ELEGANCE MEETS MODERN TECHNOLOGY



**KEEPING YOUR HOME AUTHENTIC, SAFE AND ENERGY EFFICIENT THIS SUMMER
BEAUTIFULLY DESIGNED WINDOWS, DOORS, CONSERVATORIES & ORANGERIES**

We are a professional, family run, local company who have over 34 years year-on-year trading installing quality windows, doors, conservatories and orangeries. We pride ourselves on our high quality standards and that we can offer all our customers total satisfaction on whatever you need.

Wombourne Windows™

ORANGERIES AND CONSERVATORIES

For more information call us now on
0845 603 0334

or visit our website at www.wombourne-windows.co.uk



FENSA
No 10753



Morlock House, Bridgnorth Road, Wombourne, South Staffs WV5 0AL
Opening Hours: Monday-Thursday 10am-6pm, Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday 10am-2pm



storm®



Pokémon no! Mobile game frenzy closes road

A ROAD in Dudley town centre has been blocked off to try to halt chaos caused by Pokémon Go players.

Dudley Council has been inundated with complaints from people living near Priory Park who claim that hordes of gamers have been causing a nuisance in and around the 12th century priory ruins.

Bosses have now gone to extraordinary lengths to try to disrupt the craze around the park.

They say they have been forced to take action because of the complaints about parking and noise problems.

Players of the game, which has taken the nation by storm, have been flocking to the priory ruins to try to catch the virtual world Pokémons creatures on their mobile phones.

The area is a designated PokéStop,

offering players various incentives in the game which superimposes the creatures onto real locations.

Gamers have been accused of parking on double yellow lines, playing music late at night and causing damage to the ruins in their search for the Pokémons.

Bollards and cones have now been placed across Paganel Drive and Gervase Drive as the council seeks to combat the problem.

Environment boss Councillor Hilary Bills said: "Following complaints from local residents about parking, late night noise and concerns about blocking of access for emergency services vehicles, we listened to their concerns and put temporary road blocks in place to reduce these issues."

"These arrangements are subject to an ongoing review."



Paganel Drive, near Priory Park, has been closed to vehicles because of the Pokémon Go craze that has seen the park busy with gamers

Crime chief in pledge to resolve parade row

THE West Midlands Police & Crime Commissioner is working with councils across the Black Country to ensure roads can be closed free of charge for Remembrance Day parades this year.

Parades across the region were put in jeopardy last week after it was revealed a change in West Midlands Police policy means closing roads for the parades to honour fallen soldiers is now the responsibility of organisers - who face costly bills for professional traffic management contractors.

Letters seen by The Chronicle's sister publication the Express & Star state a decision has been made by the Chief Constable of West Midlands Police to introduce a change of policy by which the authority will no longer provide officers to carry out traffic management duties and enforce road closures for the parade.

Agenda

A meeting was held last week between West Midlands Police & Crime Commissioner David Jamieson, the Chief Constable of West Midlands Police Dave Thompson and Deputy Chief Constable Louise Rolfe.

Top of the agenda was a discussion over plans for this year's Remembrance Day parades.

Following the meeting, spokesman for the West Midlands Police & Crime Commissioner Liz Joyce said: "We are working closely with councils on a common sense solution that sees roads closed free of charge and the parades go ahead as normal."

Fizzogs link with fellow comic Cole

BLACK Country funny man Jonny Cole is linking up with comedy group The Fizzogs when they make their return to the Edinburgh Fringe.

Cole will perform some of his comedy songs and comedy when the Fizzogs perform their May Contain Nuts show at the Space venue from August 15 to 20.

Fizzog Sue Hawkins said: "We worked together on the Black Country Night Out and both have shows on Black Country Radio and admire one another's work."

The Fizzogs made their Edinburgh debut last year when they received rave media reviews and widespread acclaim from audiences.

Care home shuts after report

A SEDGLEY care home was slammed by health watchdogs in a damning inspection report which raised the issues of poor food, staff shortages and risk of infection.

The Rose Villa Nursing Home, in Tipton Road, was rated 'inadequate' in the report by the Care Quality Commission. Following the inspection, the home's bosses closed the premises.

In the report, inspectors claimed residents 'were not adequately protected from the risk of infection' and they 'did not receive a choice of meals and the quality of food provided was poor and not nutritious.'

Only one area of the nursing home's service was not rated inadequate and inspectors said care at the home 'required improvement'.

The inspection at the Rose Villa, which could cater for up to 27 elderly people or people with physical disabilities, was on October 6.

An earlier inspection, carried out on

April 21, found that the nursing home had failed to make the necessary improvements.

The report stated: "We carried out a further focussed inspection of the service to check that the provider had made and sustained the improvements they had told us they would make. At this inspection, we found that the provider had failed to make the improvements they told us about. We also identified some other concerns which we raised with the provider on the day."

During the first inspection, 11 people were living at the home.

Inspectors found the environment appeared clean and a domestic cleaner was on site six days a week, working from 9am to 2pm. But one staff member told inspectors: "There is too much work for the domestic, he does his best, if we have a couple of minutes we will do some cleaning."

Staff had not received infection control training, inspectors noted.



BATHROOM & PLUMBING STORES

AMAZING OPENING OFFERS

50% OFF EVERYTHING



OPENING HOURS:
Monday - Saturday
8am - 5pm
Sunday
Closed

DRAINAGE
PLUMBING
TILES
BATHROOMS
KITCHENS
SEALANTS / ADHESIVES

Units 11/12 Mount Pleasant, Brierley Hill DY5 2YS
TELEPHONE: 01384 74949

NEW PLUMBERS MERCHANT

NOW OPEN

Switch to save cash in energy campaign

DUDLEY borough residents are being encouraged to think ahead and get saving on their energy bills with autumn looming. Dudley Council is urging people to sign up to its latest Big Switch campaign.

During the last campaign, in May, the average saving was more than £300 per household. The Big Switch brings people together to reduce their energy bills by moving energy suppliers collectively. The more who register, the better the deal offered by the energy companies. The deals offered are not available through ordinary switching sites.

More than 6,000 people across Dudley have registered to switch. People can register online or by phone to take advantage of cut-price rates offered by energy companies. The Big Switch auction opened again on August 2 and closes for registration on October 10.

The scheme is open to all householders, including those in rented accommodation and those with a fuel debt of £500 or less.

Visit www.dudley.gov.uk/bigswitch or call Dudley Council Plus on 0300 555 2345.



Louise McCathie, Michelle McLoughlin and Sally-Ann Wilkinson look forward to The Big Sleuth next year

Bear-mingham planning sequel to The Big Hoot

MORE than 100 giant bear sculptures will be leaving their paw prints all over Bear-mingham next summer as the sequel to last year's Big Hoot arrives in the city.

While Owl sculptures brightened up Birmingham last time, now Birmingham Children's Hospital Charity and creative producers Wild in Art have announced a second trial for 2017.

But this time the characters will be 'sun bears'.

The sun bear, also known as the honey bear, has been chosen as it is the smallest of the world's eight bear species - making it the perfect choice to raise vital funds when the bears go to auction.

The Big Sleuth will see the individually designed, 165cm-tall sculptures appearing throughout the city.

Michelle McLoughlin, chief nurs-

ing officer at Birmingham Children's Hospital, said: "The Big Sleuth is really important to Birmingham Children's Hospital as not only will it inspire civic pride and give families a free and fun day out but we also hope to raise over half a million pounds to support the pioneering work we do here each day."

"We are at the beginning of another really exciting journey, one which we hope will bring lots of sleuthing, joy and laughter. "We would encourage our corporate friends to help us make it bigger and better than The Big Hoot."

The sculptures will be funded by corporates from across the Midlands and will be brought to life by regional and national artists to create the visually stunning trail of art.

Visit www.thebig sleuth2017.co.uk for further details.

Meet Monish & Beyonce

Monish is the practice principle + head vet at both Companion Care Vets Oldbury + Vets4Pets Merryhill.

We offer our clients a reliable professional service delivered by our committed team, we strongly believe that prevention is better than cure so get in touch today to discuss our packages & help keep your pets healthy & happy.



Open 7 Days a Week
No weekend surcharge for routine appointments and emergencies



Puppy Package

- Health Check with a Vet
- Full Vaccination Course
- Microchip
- Flea and Worm Prevention (lasts 1 month)
- 4 Weeks Free Insurance
- Information Pack and Vouchers

£47.50

Kitten Package

- Health Check with a Vet
- Full Vaccination Course
- Microchip
- Flea and Worm Prevention (lasts 1 month)
- 4 Weeks Free Insurance
- Information Pack and Vouchers

£57.50

Rabbit Package

- Health Check with a Vet
- Full Vaccination Course
- Worm Prevention (lasts 3-6 months)
- 2 x Nail Clips (must be claimed within 1 year)
- 4 Weeks Free Insurance (if under 1 years old)
- Information Pack

£50

10% OFF

Veterinary Services for:

- Over 60's
- NHS Employees
- Armed Forces
- 999 Employees

Proof of employment will be required
terms and conditions apply

Vets4Pets inside pets
Putting your pet first

Vets4Pets Merry Hill
Inside Pets at Home

Companion Carevets inside pets

Companion Care Oldbury
Inside Pets at Home

Call us on 01384 480 698 or visit: vets4pets.com/merry-hill

Also find us on Facebook

Call us on 0121 270 2282 or visit: ccvets.co.uk/oldbury

Campaign closes in on theatre takeover

CAMPAGNERS are close to completing an agreement which would allow them to take over Dudley Hippodrome.

Black Country Hippodrome wants to renovate the famous venue and re-open it as a theatre. The group said the deal with Dudley Council was being finalised and they expected it to be given the keys before the end of this month.

The campaign group will be handed a five-year lease to allow the group to refurbish the derelict former theatre on Castle Hill after their last-ditch rescue bid saved the iconic venue from the bulldozers.

The building is in need of a complete overhaul having been closed for seven years when it was last used as a bingo hall. It has not been a theatre since 1960s.

Asbestos needs to be removed and repair work is needed to bring it up to scratch to host plays, shows and community events.

Black Country Hippodrome board member Steve Daniels said: "We hope it will all be completed by the end of August and we can get the keys - it could be the next two weeks. Then we can start to move on."

Constraints

"It is one of those things, it does drag on a bit. All we can do is take it day by day. But the council has been great."

The group has said that, due to funding constraints, it was likely to be at least four years before the doors

to the Hippodrome were thrown open again.

Mr Daniels said a full feasibility study of the building would have to be carried out before any work could begin.

He said: "Once we have got the keys we can start to progress."

"The first thing we have got to do is have a proper survey on it and then take it from there."

The group has said it needs around £5 million to restore the Hippodrome to its former glory and has various plans to bring in funds.

One plan is to allow people and companies to sponsor seats at the revived venue.

The famous old building was just two weeks away from demolition when the agreement was struck.

Dudley Council's plans to knock the Hippodrome down and replace it with an open space remain in the background, ready to be brought back out should the group fail to refurbish the building.

Coastguard calls off search for teenagers

A SEARCH for two missing teens last spotted in the sea off the Welsh coast has been called off, according to the Coastguard.

The teenagers, from Birmingham, had been in the water off Barmouth beach when they got into difficulty over the weekend. The coastguard launched a search and rescue operation after the alarm was raised at around 1.40pm on Sunday. The two had been part of a large group visiting the West Wales beauty spot.

A search continued into its third day on Tuesday but rescuers were unable to find the two 15-year-olds. Coastguard said crews had faced strong winds and choppy waters during the search.

A spokesman for the Maritime and Coastguard Agency said: "An extensive search for two teenagers last seen at Barmouth has been terminated, pending further information."

New-look city is Brum and dusted

A BRILLIANT self-taught artist sketches entire cities from memory. Carl Lavia, from London, plans on drawing every official city in the UK after recently completing Birmingham.

The project, which took him three weeks, saw Carl fully immerse himself in the city before starting the cityscape. The 44-year-old will now tackle Manchester before moving on to Edinburgh, with the artist having to 'live' in the city before being able to draw an accurate sketch.

Carl said: "I take trips on public transport to get different vantage points."

"I like to familiarise myself with the city beforehand and visit various areas."

"I'm a keen runner, so I'll often plot a route and use my phone or camera to take pictures on the way."

"It's a very hands-on and immersive experience."

Carl started drawing when he was five, and has been compelled to sketch ever since.

He added: "I was sketching imaginary cities at a very early age."

"Now, when each panel is complete I feel a huge sense of accomplishment."



Brilliant self-taught artist Carl Lavia with his representation of Birmingham

Ratings for hygiene at food outlets are revealed

MORE than 150 food premises in Sandwell have been told to improve by environmental health inspectors while four have been given rock bottom hygiene ratings.

Four businesses received the lowest scores of 'zero' in the national Food Hygiene Rating Scheme and 80 received a score of one which required 'major improvement'.

The businesses rated as zero were: Desi Pizza, located on Cape Hill, Smethwick; Medina Food Stores, on Birmingham Road, Oldbury; Pak Supermarket (Cape Hill) Ltd in Cape Hill Retail Centre, Cape Hill; and Station Shop at Cradley Heath Train Station, on Forge Lane.

Inspectors look at how hygienically the food is handled and how it is prepared, cooked, reheated, cooled and stored. They also look at the condition of buildings and how the business manages what it does to make sure food is safe.

By Jamie Brassington

spected in April 2015, but it has since been taken over by new owners. Owner of Station Shop, Muhammed Azeen, said: "Nobody has come to inspect the shop since I have been here. The old owners used to cook at the shop but we don't cook anything."

"(The zero rating) would have been for the previous owners. I took over in October last year."

However health bosses praised the majority of food premises in the borough – with more than 830 getting the top 'very good' rating.

In total nine per cent of the total 1,879 businesses required improvement and 42 per cent, 834 premises, achieved the top rung for hygiene.

Councillor Preet Gill, cabinet member for public health and protection, said: "It is very reassuring to the people of Sandwell that so many of our food establishments have been given high ratings."

A further 398 food premises in Sandwell were rated as 'good', whilst 482 were rated as 'satisfactory' and 83 received a score of two where 'improvement was necessary'. The inspections were carried out in the last two years.

Infestations

The hygiene standards were then rated on a scale where '0' means urgent improvement is required, up to '5', meaning hygiene standards are very good.

Pak Supermarket owner, Khadam Mohammed, said: "I am one of the largest rates payer on the road. I am paying the council £100,000 a year for two premises. Rubbish has been dumped at the back of my business which has caused a rat infestation and that has led to the rating. I phoned up the council about it and they did nothing. I have never received a rating of zero before."

Station Shop was last in-

Travellers set up camp

TRAVELLERS have set up camp on a field in Halesowen owned by a school trust. The group of around 40 caravans and cars moved on to the field off Whittingham Road last Monday at around 7.30pm.

A mother-of-one who lives close to the site and asked not to be named, said: "They don't seem to be causing any trouble at the moment, but my fear is the state they will leave the field in when they go."

The land is owned by the Earls School Trust, and fencing which had been around the edge has now been taken down by the travellers who continued to arrive in vehicles last Tuesday.

West Midlands Police say that they are aware of the travellers' presence, but that the matter is being handled by Dudley Council. Travellers also left a field by Harvest Road in Rowley Regis on Monday after occupying the site for around two weeks.

Call for public's views over metro mayor move

SANDWELL residents have been urged to have their say about the new Mayor of the West Midlands.

The West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) wants to know what residents, businesses and community groups think the responsibilities of a new mayor should include.

After striking a devolution deal with the Government, the WMCA approved plans for the region's first ever elected mayor earlier this year.

The devolution agreement will see £36.5million a year of new investment over the next 30 years devolved from Whitehall to the West Midlands.

The Mayor, who will be elected in May 2017, will work with council leaders across the region on issues including transport, highways and infrastructure projects.

Councillor Steve Eling, leader of Sandwell Council said: "It's good news that we are pursuing a devolution deal, working together across West Midlands to bring economic benefit to us all."

"To do that, the Government requires the area to have an elected metro mayor and all of this is part of the consultation."

"I encourage people to get involved in the consultation and have their say."

Sandwell will work closely with the Mayor and the other six constituent members in the WMCA and with local enterprise partnerships across the region. The consultation runs until August 21 and people can have their say by visiting www.westmidlandscombinedauthority.org.uk

summer Sale

**ALL SALE OFFERS
END SUNDAY 5pm!**

up to 3 years No deposit, Interest Free Credit

Fiona corner group.
WAS £909

Walnut finish dining table & 4 chairs.
WAS £1019

Natural oak effect triple door robe.
WAS £399

Luxury storage divan set.
WAS £599

Level Street
Merry Hill, Dudley
West Midlands
DY5 1UA
T. 01384 77444

WILLIAM & SONS
www.williamandsons.co.uk

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK...
Monday to Friday 10-5.30pm
Saturday 10-6pm
Sunday 11-5pm

We'll not be beaten on Price! That's our '**Price Promise**' to you!

Visit us at www.williamandsons.co.uk and sign up to receive **OUR EXCLUSIVE PRIVILEGE OFFERS!**

Roman towards future purpose as landmark is sold

A VANDAL-STRICKEN landmark in Tipton has been put up for sale for more than half a million pounds.

The Roman Mosaic site, situated on Bloomfield Road, has been targeted by arsonists in recent years. It has now been put on the market for around £575,000 by Dudley-based chartered surveyors Sellers.

The factory, which is recognised by its notable chimney also has an unique tile mosaic of a Black Country scene on the corner of the premises.

Councillor Ian Jones, who represents the Tipton Green ward, said he would welcome a new development.

There have been calls for the distinctive mosaic, which is just under 20 years old, to be kept intact.

Councillor Jones said: "We would like to see a worthwhile end to this now – whether it be if a similar factory took over the site or a new housing development. It has been left derelict for some years now. It is in prime location so we are all really pleased that something will be done with it now."

Sellers says the site has 'a range of industrial buildings which have been subject to vandalism/arson damage'.

Roman Mosaic moved to the Bloomfield Road site in the mid 1980s. They had been based in Burnt Tree island, Dudley, previously. In 1997 former West Bromwich MP and House of Commons speaker, Baroness Betty Boothroyd, unveiled the canal mosaic artwork tile along with the factory bosses.

Keith Hodgkins, chair of Tipton Civic Society, said: "To see something done with the site would be good. All we would ask is that the mosaic scene is kept intact."



Ghosthunters Jenny Okey from Halesowen and Chris Stone of Sedgley with, centre, landlord Ben Triance

Gripping tale as pub spirits trouble landlord

PARANORMAL investigators descended on a country pub in Shropshire to find out what was making things go bump in the night.

A medium belonging to the Energies and Entities team claimed to make contact with a spirit from the First World War during a night of exploration at the Boycott Arms near Claverley.

Despite unsuccessful attempts to contact the spirit of a former landlord said to have been haunting the pub for many years, other ghosts apparently made contact.

Ben Triance, manager of the pub for the last 15 months and a self-confessed sceptic, said: "They put a medium under a trance and they were talking to a man from the First World War."

Pendulum

"There was also some human pendulum work done, that was quite strange seeing everybody moving in sync with their eyes closed."

"It was really quite spooky some of it. There was some weird and wonderful stuff. The lights flickered every time they asked to talk to the spirits and once the candles just blew out."

About 75 people turned out for the paranormal evening last Saturday.

Mr Triance said they have information dating back 200 years. There has also been tales of a female ghost called Scotch Mary who also used to be a landlady and is not a friendly ghost like the former landlord.

Mr Triance said he had a visit from Scotch Mary's daughter recently.

He explained: "A couple of weeks ago Scotch Mary's daughter came in the pub, Ann Clarke, apparently Scotch Mary had claimed to be a psychic, and she was a lovely woman."

"She said the only reason she would be playing up is if she didn't approve of how the pub was being run, as she'd been here for 30 years."

Mr Triance said he has always been sceptical but had experienced some unexplainable things.

He said: "One night last summer I went to bed, then woke up about 20 minutes later absolutely freezing cold."

"I could even see my breath – then I woke up again an hour later and my throat was swollen."

"I went to the shower room and there were finger marks around my throat. I was the only person staying here that night."

Paradise project to move onto next phase

THE £500 million Paradise development in Birmingham is taking another huge step forward as work begins on the foundations of the first two landmark Grade A office buildings, One and Two Chamberlain Square.

Approximately 200 piles, between 90cm and 120cm in diameter, will be drilled up to 20 metres into the ground. These will support the weight of the new buildings which, when fully constructed, will form the first phase of the Paradise development.

Initially, the piles will be focused on the core area of One Chamberlain Square. A rig weighing around 100 tonnes will be used to carry out the work, which will continue until early 2017.

Professional services giant Pricewaterhouse Coopers has agreed to take the top four-and-a-half floors of One Chamberlain Square.

By John Corser

Wolverhampton-based Carillion, contractors for the demolition, infrastructure and enabling works, will oversee the piling work, which will be undertaken by Cementation.

Carillion was recently announced as the contractor for One Chamberlain Square, which is expected to complete in autumn 2018.

PUBLIC NOTICE



**3 seater Sofa with
2 Recliner Actions
£395**

**Solid Oak Dining Table & Chairs to clear
from £595**
(available in light and dark oak)

2 & 3 SEATERS TO CLEAR FROM AN AMAZING £295
[Various Colours and Designs]

**SALE NOW ON
SAVE UP
TO 75%**

- **SOFAS AND CHAIRS
MADE TO ORDER - ANY SIZE**
- **FREE HOME DELIVERY
FREE REMOVAL OF YOUR OLD BED**
- **LARGE SELECTION OF FABRIC
AND LEATHER SUITES**

• **SUITES • BEDS • MATTRESSES • SOFAS**
All reduced to a fraction of their normal price

**Special offers for
senior citizens
If you can't come to us
we will come to you**

**Odd Bases &
Mattresses
To Clear
from £69**

**UP TO £1,000 PART EXCHANGE
FOR YOUR OLD SUITE**

**Dreamworld
furniture**

8 Stallings Lane, Kingswinford DY6 7HU

Tel: 01384 295660

LARGE FREE CAR PARK

Open: Mon-Sat 10am - 5pm | Sun 10.30am - 4.30pm

**LUXURY
4 DRAWER DIVAN
WAS £995 NOW £295**

**Made to
Measure**

Recliners and Riser
Recliners Available

**Your chair, designed to fit you
Matching sofas available
1000 fabrics, 100 leathers to choose from**

TAPAS AND WINE BAR

**3 Courses
£18.95 pp**

157 Hagley Road, Oldswinford,
Stourbridge DY8 2JJ

01384 396290

www.theretreatatoldswinford.co.uk

Maple Leaf Fencing & Landscaping

**DECKING, SLABBING, FENCING,
WALLS, TURFING, PERGOLAS**

All size gates made to measure.

For every aspect of your gardening needs, give me a ring any time
7 days a week for FREE estimates and great ideas.

Over 35 years' experience
Call Graeme on 07739 580558
www.maple-leaflandscaping.co.uk

Attack dogs to be destroyed

THE grandson of an 82-year-old woman who was savaged by a pair of dogs in Tipton has spoken of his gran's 'relief' that the animals have been taken off the streets.

The two Rottweilers attacked Margaret Langford just yards from her home in Ivy Road. They will be destroyed following a ruling by magistrates.

The grandmother spent five days in hospital after the terrifying attack in May.

Grandson Jack Langford said he is hopeful she will now be able to put the ordeal behind her.

He said: "We are pleased these dangerous dogs have now been taken off the streets and can't cause further injury to anyone else. That was the exactly decision we were hoping for. It's a tough call – after all those dogs are somebody's family pets – but ultimately it's the right one."

"Gran is very relieved. Since the attack happened she hasn't been the same. Hopefully this will bring her some reassurance."

Plea to help pay bill for abandoned cat



Unwell moggie Millie was left with a note asking for help. A PLEA is being made for anyone who can help an abandoned cat in need of surgery to step forward.

This three-year-old tabby cat was left outside of Wednesday Sanctuary with just a note left around her neck saying 'please look after me, my name is Millie.'

Since then, sanctuary owner Joyce Clarke has taken her to the vets to discover she in need of surgery to remove a tumour from her foot – with a vets bill estimated around £300.

She is currently in an isolated pen at the sanctuary.

Peter Hull, sanctuary worker for more than 30 years, said: "It seems her owners could not afford the vets bills. Her tumour is benign, so no life threatening, but still needs to be removed."

Anyone who would like to help Millie can call Mrs Clarke on 0121 502 5027.

Theatre skills for teenagers at centre

HALESOWEN Youth Theatre is offering youngsters a taste of acting, singing and dancing.

For £4 a week, 11 to 18-year-olds can join the theatre sessions at the Greenhill Centre on Long Lane.

The 90 minute-long sessions from 7pm involve workshops based around performance.

Ben Pountney, the co-founder and co-director of Halesowen Youth Theatre said: "I was apart of a youth theatre and the experiences and skills that I encountered has had an invaluable effect on my ability and passion for theatre and performance. I also made so many friends."

For further details email halesowenyouththeatre@outlook.com or call 07541520091.

Young tennis ace serves up gold in Transplant Games

A SCHOOLBOY who underwent life-saving surgery is aiming to follow in the footsteps of his hero Novak Djokovic, after a championship display at this year's British Transplant Games.

Kristof Polgar, aged eight, who underwent liver transplant in 2011, is now dreaming of Centre Court stardom after an impressive gold medal haul during the annual games, held in Liverpool.

The youngster, from Kingswinford, was born with a rare genetic disease called Progressive Familial Intrahepatic Cholestasis (PFIC).

Following a transplant at Birmingham Children's Hospital when he was just three, the determined youngster has gone from strength to strength and now receives tennis coaching three times per week at Tipton Sports Academy.

School

The ace performances of the Blanford Mere Primary School pupil at the British Transplant Games saw him win gold medals in the mini tennis, badminton and table tennis events.

Kristof said: "I really enjoy playing

sports, especially tennis. My favourite player is Novak Djokovic and it's my dream to be as good as him one day."

"It was great to be part of the Birmingham Children's Hospital team at the British Transplant Games."

He added: "I'd really like to compete at the world event in the future."

Kristof's efforts, along with the 41 other youngsters aged between three and 17, who represented the children's hospital this year, helped secure the Best Liver Team title and coveted Best Children's Team prize for an amazing 20th year running.



Eight-year-old Kristof Polgar

Smoke-free bid around hospital

BIRMINGHAM Children's Hospital has encouraged people to have their say on plans to introduce the city's first smoke-free zone around its site.

A consultation has been launched seeking people's views on the proposals that would restrict smoking outside the hospital.

The smoke-free zone would be on both sides of Steelhouse Lane, from the hospital's paediatric emergency department to the junction of Whittall Street, and to St Mary's Row.

Hospital bosses have said they want the thoughts of people who live or work near the proposed zone, businesses as well as patients and families.

People can have a say online at www.bch.nhs.uk/smokefree-consultation before September 16.

FLOORS 4 YOU

The Flooring Specialist

LAMINATE • SOLID WOOD • CARPETS • VINYL

**NEW HALESOWEN
STORE OPENS**

Saturday 27th August

FIRST 10 CUSTOMERS RECEIVE FREE FITTING AT HALESOWEN STORE

OPEN ALL BANK HOLIDAY
OUR LOCAL STORES

HALESOWEN STORE

93 Dudley Road,
Halesowen
B63 3NS

**0121
550 5221**

DUDLEY STORE

100 Birmingham Road,
Dudley
DY1 4RF

**01384
237000**

STOURBRIDGE STORE

Camphill,
Wordsley
DY8 4AD

**01384
70103**

www.floors-4-you.co.uk

**BEST
CHOICE**

**BEST
PRICES**

**BEST
SERVICE**

Saxons, stars and 3D car to discover

VISITORS to Birmingham Museums can travel back in time or escape to the stars with a range of educational activities this summer.

At Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, the focus is on the Anglo-Saxons and the Staffordshire Hoard where visitors can learn more about the past. Meanwhile, the city's Thinktank planetarium will allow visitors to journey to the stars and learn more about the Cosmos.

Thinktank's new summer exhibit, called Strakka Racing 24 Hour Le Mans car, will allow motor racing fans to get up close and personal with the 3D printed vehicle.

Visitors can take a step back in time to the Great Fire of London at Blakesley Hall from August 30 to September 4.

At Soho House, there will be an evening for adults with a Bollywood theme on Saturday. Bollywood dancers, street food and an open-air showing of Slumdog Millionaire will transform the restored Georgian Soho House. The event is suitable for people aged 18 and over.

Visit birminghamsmuseums.org.uk/whats-on for further details.



Joseph Sheppard has monster fun at the Dudley Castle screening of The Bride of Frankenstein

Summer SALE NOW ON

Up to 25% off handmade pocket sprung products



Fabric bed frames

Saving 10%

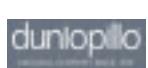


Mi beds electric bed - Joanna

Now £499

Free to use customer car park at rear of store DY5 1RG

Proud supporters of the Mary Stevens Hospice



Dreamland

Mill St, Brierley Hill, DY5 2RG

Tel: 01384 74166

www.dreamlandbedding.co.uk

Frankenstein movie is a scream in spooky setting

IT WAS an eerie night at Dudley Castle for hundreds who enjoyed a spooktacular evening watching horror classic The Bride of Frankenstein in the historic courtyard.

On Saturday night the venue was transformed into an open-cinema and more than 600 people watched the classic 1935 film directed by Dudley's own Hollywood director James Whale.

They also watched a short horror movie made by Dudley College students.

The feature film was shown on a blow-up screen while images of Frankenstein and other spooky images were projected onto the castle walls to add to the atmosphere.

Dudley Zoo teamed up with Flatpack: Assemble to produce the event as part of Flatpack's Black Country Pop-up Film Tour.

Ian Francis, director at Flatpack said: "We couldn't have found a more fitting venue for Bride of Frankenstein than Dudley Castle. There's a real passion for film across the Black Country and we hope the success of this event will lead to more pop-up screenings in the future."

Matt Lewis, Dudley Zoo manager, added: "We were happy to work alongside Flatpack: Assemble to bring Bride of Frankenstein to the 11th century Dudley Castle and were delighted with the event's popularity. Hopefully we can join forces again in the future on similar projects."

James Whale, who died in 1957 aged 67, came from Park Hill Street, Boffey Park, and was an actor and stage director before making Hollywood classics Frankenstein and the Invisible Man in the 1930s.

Survival of cardiac arrest best in the UK

NOWHERE in the country do people suffering a cardiac arrest have a better chance of surviving to get to hospital than in the West Midlands, new figures show.

The figure, for the month of April, was up on February's rate of 29.7 per cent when it was the best performing across the UK. By comparison the Welsh cardiac arrest survival rate was 12.2 per cent.

Last year West Midlands paramedics kept alive 30.3 per cent of patients over the 12 months, also an increase on the previous year.

Staff attempted to resuscitate 4,040 patients that had a pre-hospital cardiac arrest. More than a quarter of these, 1,179, arrived at hospital and were breathing for themselves – also known as ROSC, or return of spontaneous circulation.

Achievement

Dr Andy Carson, the trust's medical director, said: "This is a tremendous achievement and cannot be underestimated. If we look back just two years, there has been a 40 per cent increase in the number of ROSCs at hospital. To achieve such an improvement has taken a lot of skill and hard work."

"Part of the reason for the rise is staff have been able to use their advanced skills more often due to a rise in the number of mem-

bers of the public prepared to have a go at CPR (cardio pulmonary resuscitation). And also the increase in the number of public access defibrillators available."

In April it was revealed that up to 300 extra paramedics are being recruited by West Midlands Ambulance Service to boost staffing levels and meet increasing demands.

The service, which has one of the highest ratios of paramedics on the front line in the UK, helps students to learn on the job.

Between 200 and 300 positions are expected to be created. Successful applicants need to complete a 30-month training course.

Currently talks are underway over a possible merger of West Midlands and East Midlands ambulance services, to serve more than 10 million people.

Silentnight beds
Free storage



Firm expansion plan for nearly 200 jobs

NEARLY 200 jobs will be created under ambitious plans to revamp offices in West Bromwich.

Developers Rimstock Plc have said the expansion of the premises in Black Lake will 'contribute significantly' to the local economy.

The West Bromwich-based firm's growth has led bosses to seek a new plant and bigger premises, according to planning documents.

An application for a side and rear extension to the former Express & Star building has been submitted to Sandwell Council.

The company's headquarters is next to the site, in Ridgacre Road.

A design statement submitted as part of the planning package states: "Rimstock's growth has necessitated new plant and machinery, bigger premises and a more efficient production streams to increase output."

"Rimstock is working in partnership with Sandwell Council to create a larger production plant by expanding the existing operations into adjacent land and buildings, extending its existing properties and acquiring neighbouring works and warehouse buildings."

It adds the plans will create 192 jobs at the site.

Drivetime



NEW REG



SPECIAL

**16-PAGE SPECIAL SPOTLIGHTING WHAT YOUR LOCAL
DEALER HAS ON THE FORECOURT FOR SEPTEMBER
NEW REGISTRATION**

See you soon in Tucson?

Hyundai's Tucson family crossover is a attractive contender that might well catapult the Korean brand into credible contention for class honours in this important growing segment.

All bases are covered when it comes to engines with a good selection of both petrols and diesels. At the lower end of the range, there's a choice of a 132PS 1.6 GDi petrol or a 116PS CRDi 1.7 diesel. Move a little higher and you can upgrade to a turbocharged 1.6 GDi with 177PS.

Diesel fans will find a 2.0 CRDi with either 136PS or 185PS. If you want 4WD, then you'll need the turbo petrol or one of the 2.0-litre diesels.

That 4WD system is fine for slippery surfaces but don't expect a vast amount of mud plugging ability.

With an imposing hexagonal grille and sleek Santa Fe-style headlights, the Tucson is a good looking Crossover.

You could never call it dull and the effect is especially nice with the wheels fitted to Premium models.

Climb aboard and the overall fit and finish is excellent. There's a well laid out dashboard, and if you find the interior a little dark, there's the option of a cream lower half to the fascia which does brighten things up significantly.

Mechanically, it's all very conventional which is no bad thing. With 513-litres of seat up boot space available (or slightly less if you go for 4WD), the Tucson comfortably beats its direct rivals. Fold the seats down and this capacity increases to 1503-litres

(or 25-litres less for 4WD). Rear seat space is good, too.

So, what do we have? The tough looks of an SUV, the sensible practicality of a 5-seater mini-MPV and the affordability of a family hatchback. These are the facts behind a Tucson model good enough to attract many new buyers to the Hyundai brand.

It's a very impressive car indeed being nicely built, efficient to run and quite capable in 4WD form of getting everywhere any ordinary family driver might want to go. Then there's this model's competitive pricing and lengthy warranty.

● Why not check out the Hyundai Tucson at Brindley Hyundai at 55 Penn Road in Wolverhampton (WV2 4WW), or Brindley Hyundai on Millennium Park, New Swan Lane in West Bromwich (B70 0NR).

Call Brindley Hyundai Wolverhampton on 01902 690609 or Brindley Hyundai West Bromwich on 0121 523 9131 to arrange your test drive*.

*Test drives subject to terms and conditions

FACT FILE

Hyundai Tucson

PRICES: £18,995 - £32,700

INSURANCE: 15-25

CO2: 119-170g/km

PERFORMANCE: (1.6 GDi 132PS) 0-62 11.5s/max speed 113mph

ECONOMY: (1.6 GDi 132PS) Combined - 44.8 mpg

SAFETY: Twin front, side and curtain airbag/ABS with EBD, ESP



The award winning i10 now even more affordable

ORDER YOUR
NEW **66 PLATE** NOW



Test drive the possibilities

i10

RRP £10,075
NOW £8,995 + Metallic Paint
SAVE £1,080

BRINDLEY HYUNDAI

55 Penn Road
Wolverhampton WV2 4WW
Tel. 01902 690617
www.brindleyhyundai-wolverhampton.co.uk

Millennium Park
Swan Lane, West Bromwich B70 0NR
Tel. 0121 695 9971
www.brindleyhyundai-westbromwich.co.uk



NEW THINKING.
NEW POSSIBILITIES.

Fuel consumption in MPG (l/100km) for i10 range: Urban 35.3 (8.0) - 55.4 (5.1), Extra Urban 55.4 (5.1) - 76.3 (3.7), Combined 45.6 (6.2) - 65.7 (4.3), CO₂ Emissions 142 - 98 g/km.

Fuel consumption: figures shown are based on official EU test figures. These are to be used as a guide for comparative purposes and may not reflect all driving results.

On the road (OTR) prices shown include customer saving discounts where applicable, VAT where applicable, delivery, vehicle first registration fee, number plates and 12 months' Road Fund Licence. All offers, finance and savings are subject to availability and are only available to private retail customers on new cars purchased and registered in the UK, between 1st July and 30th September 2016, inclusive. 5 Year Warranty terms and exclusions apply. Please see www.hyundai.co.uk or ask us.

W. Brindley (Garages) Limited trading as Brindley Hyundai are a credit broker (not a lender) for the purposes of this financial promotion and can introduce you to a limited number of carefully selected finance providers and may receive a commission from them for the introduction.

Viva economy, Astra style

Priced from £8,595, the Vauxhall Viva is a citycar that relies on substance to make sales. When it comes to the smallest cars, the most practical models make the biggest numbers and this 1.0-litre five-door hatch looks to have all the right objective figures sewn up.

A 75PS ECOTEC petrol engine drives the front wheels via a five-speed manual gearbox and the suspension and steering has been optimised for comfort on the sort of pock-marked streets that typify most British cities. Like its bigger brother, the ADAM, the Viva gets a City mode that lightens the steering even further to help take the effort out of parking.

The styling is neat and assured, with none of the overtly cutesy flourishes that

make certain small cars very gender specific. The Viva could well appeal to lads as well as lasses, with its purposeful front end, signature Z-slash that runs through the door handles in the side swage line, plus some neat alloy wheel designs.

The 1.0-litre engine makes some decent economy figures, with the ecoFLEX model recording 65.7mpg on the combined fuel economy cycle. Even if you don't go for that version, you'll still see 62.8mpg. Around town, that figure drops to 52.3mpg in the ecoFEX and 50.4mpg in non-ecoFLEX branded cars. Emissions range between 99 and 104g/km so choose carefully if you want to minimise your bills.

Need something larger? Let's look at Vauxhall's latest Astra. Available from £15,445 the seventh generation version of Vauxhall's Astra family hatch manages to be better equipped, more efficient and more spacious than its predecessor, while in some cases actually costing less than it did before. Think that sounds promising? Then like us, you might think that this could be the toughest rival yet to its competitors.

You'll know at first glance that this is a Vauxhall thanks to the latest take on the corporate grille, now flowing into headlights which come with the option of full LED technology. There's also the familiar blade graphic stamped into the side of the body and rear lights that now spread into the tailgate like the smaller Corsa.

Engine-wise, though the 100PS 1.4-litre petrol unit remains from the previous range, much else is new. There's the 105PS 1.0-litre three cylinder turbo unit borrowed from the Corsa, plus 125PS and 150PS versions of a new direct injection 1.4-litre turbo powerplant too, plus a 1.6-litre 200PS version



The styling is neat and assured with none of the overtly cutsey flourishes that make certain small cars very gender specific

of this engine further up the range. Diesel buyers get 110PS, 136PS and 160PS 1.6-litre CDTi options. Go for the 1.6 litre CDTi 110PS diesel ecoFLEX model and you'll get a car capable of 91.1mpg on the combined cycle while emitting only 82g/km of CO₂.

Prices start from just over £15,000 and range up to around £23,000 and there's the usual mainstream bodystyle choice of five-door hatch and estate. The MK6 model-based GTC coupe continues on in its older form. With the latest generation

hatch and estate, there are five main trim levels – Design, Tech Line, Energy, SRi and Elite. Best of all, it's mainly British, with hatch and estate models built at Ellesmere Port near Liverpool. That reason alone might be enough to give this car a place on your family hatchback shortlist. Fortunately for Vauxhall, there are also many others.

- You'll find the economical Viva and the stylish seventh generation Vauxhall Astra at T. Wall Vauxhall, High Street, Pensnett, Kingswinford DY6 8XB. Call (01384) 288 333 for more details.



3 GREAT OFFERS

VAUXHALL CORSA LIMITED EDITION 1.4 3dr



**£79 DEPOSIT
£149.06 PER MONTH
5.0% APR REPRESENTATIVE**

VAUXHALL MOKKA 1.6i EXCLUSIV



**£199 DEPOSIT
£169.20 PER MONTH
4.0% APR REPRESENTATIVE**

VAUXHALL ADAM 1.2i ENERGISED 3dr



**£59 DEPOSIT
£139.04 PER MONTH
4.0% APR REPRESENTATIVE**

PERSONAL CONTRACT PURCHASE REPRESENTATIVE EXAMPLE*

47 monthly payments of	£149.06	Credit Arrangement Fee	
On the Road Cash Price	£13,885.00	(Usually payable in addition to the final monthly payment)	£149.00
Deposit (Finance Deposit Allowance of £1500 + Part Exchange Allowance of £1635 + Cash deposit of £79)	£3,214.00	Optional Final Monthly Payment	£4,899.00
Amount of Credit	£10,671.00	Fixed Rate of Interest	3.93% p.a.
Interest Charges	£1,233.82	Duration of agreement	48 Months
Arrangement Fee		Total Amount Payable	£19,261.40
(Usually payable in addition to the first monthly payment)	£149.00	Excess Mileage Charge	£0.09
		Based on an Annual Mileage of	5,000
		Optional Final Monthly Payment	£5,290.00
		Representative APR	5.0%

PERSONAL CONTRACT PURCHASE REPRESENTATIVE EXAMPLE*

47 monthly payments of	£169.20	Fixed Rate of Interest	£3.93% p.a.
On the Road Cash Price	£17,900.00	Duration of agreement	48 Months
Deposit (Finance Deposit Allowance of £3,000 + Part Exchange Allowance of £2,820 + Cash deposit of £199)	£6,019.00	Total Amount Payable	£19,261.40
Amount of Credit	£11,881.00	Excess Mileage Charge	£0.09
Interest Charges	£1,361.40	Based on an Annual Mileage of	5,000
Optional Final Monthly Payment	£5,290.00	Representative APR	4.0%

*Finance provided by GMAC UK plc, P.O. Box 6666, Cardiff, CF15 7YT. Finance applicants must be 18 or over. Option 1 - Pay final payment & keep the car. Option 2 - Return the car. Option 3 - Trade in against a new vehicle. All offers subject to availability, terms and conditions. Pictures for illustration purposes only.

EXCLUSIVE OFFER

WE HAVE OVER 600 CARS IN GROUP STOCK FROM £2999

Halesowen Motor House

Dudley Rd, Halesowen, West Midlands B63 3NH
0121 503 0001 www.halesowenmotorhouse.co.uk

T Wall Garages

High Street, Pensnett, Kingswinford DY6 8XB
01384 288333 www.twall.co.uk

Stourbridge Motor House

High Street, Amblecote, Nr. Stourbridge DY8 4DG
01384 447970 www.stourbridgemotorhouse.co.uk

Dudley Motor Company

Trindle Rd, Dudley, West Midlands DY2 7AY
01384 454100 www.dudleymotorco.co.uk



Full experience at dealer

Startin Honda brings Honda to Stourbridge and Halesowen.

Having recently adopted the Halesowen Honda area Startin Honda brings eighteen years' Honda Main Dealership experience in Worcester to its dealership on the Stourbridge Road in Lye.



The Startin name should already be familiar to local residents, having been active in the area since 1840, when it was originally better known for selling 'coach build' horse carts! However, locals will be happy to know that, although the models on display still have four wheels, they've gone through some major upgrades!

Whether you're looking for a new or used Honda car, you want to book a MOT or service, or you'd just like some more information about the Honda product range, Startin Honda are here to help. Our friendly sales team will share all their Honda knowledge and our highly trained technicians will keep your car running at its best.

All models in the Honda range are available for test drives and, with a range of finance deals to suit every requirement, you are sure to find the right deal for you. The friendly and experienced Startin Honda sales team will help guide you through the many model options and alternatives that are available. There are often special offers on particular models – pop in to discuss or visit the website www.startingroup.co.uk/honda

Master

For the existing Honda owner in the area you will be pleased to know that we employ a Honda master technician and front line favourite Liz Cartwright who has been working with Honda customers in the area for a long time. Our service department is staffed by Honda-trained technicians who specialise in maintenance, service and MOTs for your Honda. We can also supply you with extended warranty, roadside assistance, service reminders, bodywork repairs and genuine Honda accessories.

Startin Honda is a proud Motability partner with dedicated Motability specialists who will listen to your requirements and find the best Motability Honda to suit your needs and budget, and deal with the aftersales side too. Business users are also welcome and offered competitive contract hire terms whether for a single vehicle or a fleet of company cars for your staff. Contact our sales team to discuss your requirements.

We also stock a wide range of Honda Approved used cars both in Stourbridge and at our sister site in Worcester



– you can call in to see what takes your fancy, or call us on 01384 422 488 or search online at www.startingroup.co.uk/honda to see if we have the model you are looking for. Should you wish to see a car that is currently at Worcester, we can of course arrange for you to test drive it at our Stourbridge site. Approved used cars are also available with finance.

As part of its commitment to the community, Startin Honda Stourbridge is proud to have undertaken a number of activities in the area, including involvement in the Stour-

bridge Carnival, sponsorship of the annual Black Country Festival and sponsoring the Lye Town Football Club.

"We are delighted to bring the full Startin Group Honda experience and offers to Stourbridge. Our strong family values, high standard of service and commitment to customer care will no doubt benefit all of our customers and we look forward to welcoming faces old and new," says Timothy Freeman, dealer principal. "We operate with a friendly, relaxed atmosphere so you'll feel right at home, and with fresh coffee and biscuits, we're sure you'll want to come and visit us soon."

HONDA
The Power of Dreams

Big News



Your local Honda dealer is
Startin Honda



STARTIN HONDA STOURBRIDGE

82 Stourbridge Road, Stourbridge, West Midlands DY9 7DE
Call 01384 422488 or visit startinhonda.co.uk

Models Shown: CR-V SE 1.6 i-DTEC 2WD Manual in Passion Red Pearl, Civic 1.4 i-VTEC Manual in Brilliant Sporty Blue Metallic, Jazz SE 1.3 i-VTEC Manual in Sunset Orange II and HR-V SE NAVI 1.6 i-DTEC Manual in White Orchid Pearl. **Fuel consumption figures for the Honda range in mpg (l/100km):** Urban Cycle 23.2 – 70.6 (12.2 – 4.0), Extra Urban 40.4 – 85.6 (7.0 – 3.3), Combined 32.5 – 78.5 (8.7 – 3.6). CO₂ emissions 201 – 94g/km. Fuel consumption figures sourced from official EU-regulated.

More ponies in Fiesta Zetec

You might well have seen the 80, 100 and 125PS versions of the EcoBoost 1.0-litre engines before, but Ford's engineers have tweaked the powerplant to offer up a few more ponies.

Not only does the 140PS output make these Fiestas the most powerful 1.0-litre volume production cars ever but you also get more power per litre than in a Bugatti Veyron or a Lamborghini Aventador.

Topping

This results in some fairly crisp acceleration figures, the lightweight powerplant helping the Fiesta to 62mph in just nine seconds and topping out at 125mph.

In fact, this engine delivers more than twice the specific output per litre than its predecessor – the 1.6-litre 100PS engine that powered the Fiesta S just 10 years ago.

As the name suggests the Zetec-S Red and Black Edition versions of the Fiesta come in very specific colour schemes. These two-tone models are available in Race Red, complemented by Panther Black roof and detailing; or Panther Black, with Race Red roof and detailing.

This Fiesta may still be a small car but these days, it thinks big in almost every

This engine delivers more than twice the specific output per litre than its predecessor – the 1.6 litre 100PS

way, starting with styling designed to make more of a statement in the supermini segment.

Variations on the Fiesta theme may come and go but before driving any version of Ford's definitive supermini, there's one thing you almost always know for certain: that it'll be a great steer.

There's a deftness to the way this car responds, an agility to the way it nips around the bends that no other small car can quite match.

Beneath the smarter styling also lies some clever user-friendly technology too – and cabin quality that'll make down-sizing into one of these less of a chore. This is how you right a best seller.

One of the benefits of the three-cylinder EcoBoost engine is that it's light and small, so it's mounted low in the car and your

steering wheel is consequently turning a lot of fresh air rather than a hefty lump of iron under the bonnet.

Yes, you're limited on colour and the black car with the red contrasts is probably going to suit the more extrovert buyers but it's hard to think of anything more fun for fifteen grand.

• T. Wall Ford on the High Street, Pensnett, Kingswinford DY6 8XB is where you'll find the Ford Fiesta 1.0 Zetec-S Black and Red Editions.

Call (01384) 282 900 and expect a warm response from the sales team.

FACT FILE

Ford Fiesta 1.0 Zetec-S Black and Red Editions

PRICES: from £14,995

INSURANCE: tba

CO2: 105g/km

PERFORMANCE: 0-62 9s / top speed 125mph

ECONOMY: (combined) 62.8mpg

SAFETY: Electronic stability control, ABS with brake assist, seven airbags



STAND OUT IN RED & BLACK

FORD FIESTA ZETEC S

RED & BLACK SPECIAL EDITIONS

► With the new 1.0L 140PS EcoBoost engine

Turn heads as you turn corners – test drive our sportiest ever Fiesta at
T Wall Garages - Kingswinford.



T Wall Ford

High Street, Pensnett
Kingswinford, DY6 8XB
Tel. 01384 288333
www.twallford.co.uk

Official fuel consumption figures in mpg (l/100km) for the Ford Fiesta 1.0L EcoBoost (140PS): urban 50.4 (5.6), extra urban 72.4 (3.9), combined 62.8 (4.5). Official CO₂ emissions 104g/km.
The mpg figures quoted are sourced from official EU-regulated test results (EU Directive and Regulation 692/2008), are provided for comparability purposes and may not reflect your actual driving experience.

Hyundai i10 is on the prize

Hyundai is looking for its i10 city car to step up from being merely branded good value for money to being considered best in class – or thereabouts. With smart styling, plenty of space inside, strong equipment levels and a focus on refinement, it's in with a genuine shot.

It's a bigger car than its predecessor, adding 80mm to the length and 65mm to the width. It sits 50mm lower too, helping it avoid the Noddy-car look of many city cars.

The arched sill finisher on the flanks is an idea that looks to have been cribbed from Renault but works extremely well in giving the sides some shape and depth. The big front air dam looks surprisingly sporty, giving the i10 a much more dynamic look than many deliberately cutsey small cars. Inside, the i10 offers best-in-class legroom and cargo capacity.

Front and rear passengers benefit from combined legroom of 1,890mm, while boot capacity has been boosted by more than 10 per cent to 252 litres with all seats in place. By contrast, a Skoda Citigo offers 251 litres, so Hyundai just squeaks in above the class benchmark. Buyers choose between 66PS 1.0-litre or 87PS 1.2-litre petrol engines.

Hyundai i10 might be an inexpensive car but it's also a hugely significant one

warranty arrangement and the i10 looks able to compete with the class best, even when it's pitched at much the same price as them. That's a clear statement of intent from Hyundai.

It's evidence of real confidence in their product and the Koreans are bullish about its prospects. After a first look, it appears their optimism may be well-founded.

• All Electric Hyundai at 3, Churchfields, Kidderminster DY10 2JL is where you can find the remarkable Hyundai i10 city car. Why not call the sales team on (01562) 539146 to arrange your test drive?

The latest model has targeted improving refinement as a key priority. The suspension has been given a thorough working over to improve ride quality and reduce noise. The longer wheelbase and better quality relocated dampers will help here, improving body control over road imperfections.

The Hyundai i10 might be an inexpensive car, but it's also a hugely significant one. When conditions are tough, buyers increasingly look to limit their expenditure and often downsize their automotive choices.

There's certainly more temptation to do so now that models of this kind offer the sort of fit, finish, refinement and equipment that we used to expect in a good family hatch. The i10 is a good example of this trend, also offering tidy styling, plenty of space inside and low running costs.

Factor in a five year/unlimited mileage

FACT FILE

Hyundai i10

PRICES: £8,995-£13,045

INSURANCE: 1-4A

CO2: 98-142g/km

PERFORMANCE: [1.2] Max Speed 105mph / 0-60mph 12.2s

ECONOMY: [1.2] 61.4mpg

SAFETY: twin front, side and curtain airbags, ABS, stability control



**HYUNDAI i20 1.2
Hatchback SE 5DR**

£10,995

£172.56 PER MONTH

DEPOSIT CONTRIBUTION

£500

**ORDER YOUR
NU 66 REG**



**HYUNDAI i10 1.0
Hatchback SE 5DR**

£8,499

£136.43 PER MONTH

DEPOSIT CONTRIBUTION

£500

TERMS OF AGREEMENT 43 MONTHS	42 MONTHLY PAYMENTS OF £172.56	TOTAL CHARGE FOR CREDIT £1,626.02	TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE £12,621.02	AMOUNT OF CREDIT £9,496.00
CUSTOMER DEPOSIT £999.00	CASH PRICE OF VEHICLE £10,995.00	OPTIONAL FINAL PAYMENT £3,874.50	DEPOSIT CONTRIBUTION £500	INTEREST RATE 3.56% APR 6.9%

TERMS OF AGREEMENT 43 MONTHS	42 MONTHLY PAYMENTS OF £136.43	TOTAL CHARGE FOR CREDIT £1,381.56	TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE £9,880.56	AMOUNT OF CREDIT £7,863.00
CUSTOMER DEPOSIT £136.00	CASH PRICE OF VEHICLE £8,499.00	OPTIONAL FINAL PAYMENT £3,514.50	DEPOSIT CONTRIBUTION £500	INTEREST RATE 3.56% APR 6.9%

Selected Annual Mileage 6000. Excess mileage will be charged at the rate of 14.9 pence per mile (plus VAT) for the First 5000 miles and at twice that rate thereafter. Finance subject to status. Terms and conditions apply. Applicant must be 18 or over. Guarantees / indemnities may be required. At the end of the Personal Contract Purchase there are three options (i) Part Exchange the service. Where equity is available (ii) Pay the GVF (Guaranteed Future Value) to own the service or (iii) return the service. Further charges may be made subject to condition of the service. Hyundai Capital UK Ltd T/A Hyundai Motor Finance RH1 1SR. All images used are for illustrative purposes only.



Honda's HR-V is back and improved

The second generation Honda HR-V aims to stake a strong claim for the Japanese brand in the growing compact crossover market. This time round, it's more spacious and better equipped to take on segment leaders.

Buyers choose from either a 1.5 petrol unit or a 1.6 diesel, both sending drive to the front wheels. It looks good and deserves to do well.

Honda has ditched any pretence that this HR-V is a go-anywhere vehicle, offering it solely in front-wheel drive guise.

There's a choice of petrol or diesel power, the former being a 130PS 1.5 litre i-VTEC petrol, with the black pump-fuelled variant getting a 120PS 1.6 i-DTEC unit. Each drives through a six-speed manual transmission, although the petrol powerplant can be optioned with a CVT automatic, with a paddle-shift on some trims.

The HR-V features a low centre of gravity, with the driver's hip point more akin to a conventional hatch than an SUV.

The body is extremely rigid due to a high percentage of high-tensile steel, and this in turn helps isolate the suspension to do its job properly. Honda has concentrated on refinement, optimising aerodynamics to reduce wind noise at speed.

The HR-V also employs a highly efficient acoustic insulation package. Sound absorption measures in the inner wheel arches, floor carpet and underfloor cover combine to reduce cabin noise levels.

Stance

Honda reckons the MK2 model HR-V combines the personality of a coupe with the solid stance of an SUV and they're not too far wrong.

The design is neat and interesting, with hidden rear door handles, deeply sculpted lower body panels and a CR-V-style front grille, headlamps and pointed taper at the rear side window line.

The cabin features decent quality materials, with a soft-touch dash top accented with brushed chrome and piano black inlays.

Unlike its predecessor, this HR-Vs quite spacious inside and there's room to accommodate Hondas Magic Seat system.

As well as splitting 60/40, the rear bench seat backs can fold forward as the seat base lowers to create a long, flat floor. The front and rear passenger seat backs can also fold forward to a horizontal position to accommodate longer items.

Styling

The boot holds 453-litres with the rear seats in use, and 1,026-litres to the window line with the rear seats folded away.

The Honda HR-V's styling is neat and despite the sloping roofline, practicality is well up to par.

It's certainly a good deal more affordable and edgier than a CR-V. Of course, Honda has been here before with the HR-V but has learned lessons from that first generation model.

This time round, the brand has appreciated the need for real substance behind the style.

With this in place, the HR-V will continue to appeal even if something fresher and more fashionable comes along. Job done.

• You can view and test drive* Honda's HR-V at Brindley Honda in Cannock, West Bromwich and Wolverhampton.

Brindley Honda, Walsall Road, Cannock WS11 0JP. Tel: 01543 406601

Brindley Honda, Millennium Park, Swan Lane, West Bromwich B70 0NR. Tel: 0121 629 0982

Brindley Honda, West Street, Wolverhampton WV10 6HT. Tel: 01902 690593

*With test drives terms and conditions apply

MASSIVE SAVINGS

Save up to £5,261 on delivery mileage, unused Civics and CR-Vs



**Civic 1.8 SE Plus Navi 5dr
OUR PRICE £15,999**

SAVE £4,546

Metallic option £500

- climate control dual auto (a/c)
- Bluetooth®
- City Brake Active System
- 17" alloys
- cruise control
- front & rear parking sensors
- rear parking camera
- Honda Connect with Garmin® satellite navigation

**CR-V 1.6 EX Auto Diesel
OUR PRICE £29,999**



SAVE £5,261

- climate control dual auto (a/c)
- Bluetooth®
- City Brake Active System
- 18" alloys
- cruise control
- front & rear parking sensors
- rear parking camera
- leather upholstery
- panoramic glass roof
- privacy glass
- smart keyless entry & start
- Honda Connect with Garmin® satellite navigation

**Civic 1.8 SR 5dr
OUR PRICE £18,499**

SAVE £4,661

Metallic option £500

- climate control dual auto (a/c)
- Bluetooth®
- City Brake Active System
- 17" alloys
- cruise control
- front & rear parking sensors
- rear parking camera
- leather upholstery
- glass roof
- privacy glass
- Honda Connect with Garmin® satellite navigation



All cars pre reg 16 plate with balance of manufacturer's warranty.
Offer available only while stocks last.

These offers supersede any previous offers. Pictures for illustration purposes only.

BRINDLEY GARAGES

Brindley Cannock

Walsall Road

Cannock WS11 0JP

01543 406609

Brindley West Bromwich

Millennium Park, Swan Lane

West Bromwich B70 0NR

0121 629 0990

www.brindley.co.uk

Brindley Wolverhampton

West Street, off Stafford Road

Wolverhampton WV10 6HT

01902 690601

Back to basics in MX-5

Lighter, sharper and better engineered than the car it replaced, this fourth-generation Mazda MX-5 does everything right. It's offered with a 1.5 or 2.0-litre petrol engine and what it lacks in outright power it more than makes up in agility and tactility.

This rejection of a more is better philosophy is a bit of a running theme throughout this MX-5. The car's offered with either a 1.5-litre 131PS engine or a 2.0-litre 160PS unit. Mazda's chassis engineers will steer you to the 1.5-litre powerplant as they feel it's the purest specification for the MX-5 and also the lightest, tipping the scales at around the tonne. That makes this the lightest MX-5 since the original first generation car of the Nineties.

This fourth generation design conforms to five key criteria that Mazda claim define the MX-5 - rear drive with a front-mid engine layout, 50/50 weight distribution and an eagerness to change direction, plus a low kerb weight and an affordable price. All models get six-speed manual gearboxes.

The MX-5 is about agility and tactility. Its new engines are smaller which allows them to be tucked down and back in the car. That means they can be set 13mm lower and 15mm further back than on the previous car.

Weight has been pared back by using aluminium for the bonnet, boot and front wings, while the soft top hood is also lighter, improving the centre of gravity.

The shape of the MX-5 hasn't changed radically from generation to generation. This one's no exception, but there's a bit more aggression about the detailing. See one in the metal and you'll be amazed at

just how tiny it is. It's fully 105mm shorter in overall length than its predecessor, despite the wheelbase only being 15mm less. It also stands 20mm lower and 10mm wider.

Weight is the enemy. Excess weight dulls a car's responses, making it harder to turn, stop and accelerate, ensuring that it drinks more fuel and puts greater stresses on virtually every moving part, parts which then have to be made heavier to cope. The Mazda MX-5 reverses that cycle, stripping weight off which in turn allows it to pare more weight back with other simple lightweight components. It's a brilliant piece of engineering.

It also goes to show that you can probably have more fun with 1.5 litres worth of MX-5 than you can with some supercars. No, that's not hyperbole. Try it and you'll see. If you measure your cars in terms of smiles per mile, the MX-5 has to be right near the top of your shortlist.

● See the magnificent new Mazda MX-5 at Brindley Mazda, West Street, Wolverhampton WV10 6HT. Call (01902) 904509 to arrange your test drive*.

*Test drives subject to terms and conditions

FACT FILE

Mazda MX-5 range

PRICES: £18,495 - £24,295

INSURANCE: 25-29

CO2: 139-161g/km

PERFORMANCE: [1.5] 0-62mph

8.3s / top speed 127mph

ECONOMY: [2.0] (combined) 40.9 mpg

SAFETY: twin front and side airbags, stability control, ABS brakes



MAKE THIS SUMMER ICONIC.

ALL-NEW MAZDA MX-5 ICON

0% APR**

WITH A 50% DEPOSIT



- front airdam skirt
- wing mirrors
- rear spoiler
- unique side graphics
- 16" gunmetal alloy wheels
- Soul Red highlights
- integrated navigation
- heated leather seats
- rear parking sensors
- automatic lights and wipers
- Meteor Grey Mica or Crystal White Pearlescent



Driving home in this striking model is easier than ever, thanks to an enticing new 0% APR** finance offer on Mazda Conditional Sale with minimum 50% deposit. With just 600 models available, this is your chance to own a piece of Mazda MX-5 history and make your summer truly iconic.

ZOOM-ZOOM

BRINDLEY MAZDA

West Street, off Stafford Road A449, Wolverhampton WV10 6HT
T. 01902 690706 www.brindley-mazda.co.uk

The official fuel consumption figures in mpg (l/100km) for the Mazda MX-5 range: Urban 30.4 (9.3) - 35.8 (7.8). Extra Urban 51.4 (5.5) - 57.6 (4.9). Combined 40.9 (6.9) - 47.1 (6.0). CO₂ emissions (g/km) 161 - 139.

The mpg figures quoted are sourced from official EU-regulated test results obtained through laboratory testing. These are provided for comparability purposes only and may not reflect your actual driving results.

Retail sales only. Subject to availability at participating dealers only on vehicles registered between 01.07.16 and 30.09.16. T&C apply. **0% APR Mazda Conditional Sale available on all all-new Mazda MX-5 models. Finance subject to status, 18s or over. Guarantee may be required. Mazda Financial Services RH11SR. Model shown: all-new Mazda MX-5 Icon, OTR from £20,995 in Crystal White Pearlescent paint. OTR price includes VAT, number plates, delivery, 12 months' road fund licence, first registration fee, 3 year or 60,000 mile warranty and 3 years' European Roadside Assistance. Test drives subject to applicant status and availability. Details correct at time of going to print. Not available in conjunction with any other offer unless specified.

Brindley Garages Group trading as Brindley Mazda is a credit broker not a lender for this financial promotion. We can introduce you to a limited number of carefully selected finance providers and may receive a commission from them for the introduction.

Numbers looking good

The Citroën C1 used to be a smart pick if you were after a cheap and cheerful citycar. The latest version isn't content with being a budget option; it's tilting at the class lead. With better economy, a much better finish and a classier look and feel, it's in with a shot.

All Electric Citroën will offer you the choice of a two petrol engines: a VTi 68, available with either a 5-speed manual or a 5-speed clutchless Efficient Tronic Gearbox (ETG), or in PureTech 1.2-litre VTi 82 guise with a 5-speed manual transmission. The car has been designed to improve agility and manoeuvrability in town, with a turning circle of just 4.8 metres. There's three or five doors, two different engines, three trim levels, a choice of manual or automatic transmissions and beyond that the personalisation options. If you want your citycar

just so, without having to compromise, the C1 is going to be the first place you go.

Even the most powerful 82bhp engine will manage to squeeze 65 miles out of a gallon of 95RON, emitting just 99g/km of CO₂, which is extremely good going considering that this new 1.2-litre model takes just 11 seconds to reach 62mph from rest. So you're effectively getting a faster, more agile car that costs no more to run. We call that a major win.

Priced from £8,495 the C1 is going to continue to appeal to those who just want cheap wheels and its still going to cost a pittance to run. However, it's got more in its armoury than just low running costs now. Its rivals need to keep a very watchful eye on how this plays out.

The Citroën C4 Cactus looks unlike any other vehicle on the roads thanks to its Airbump side cladding and a whole host of other bold details. The body marries smooth curves with bold, planar surfaces, indented with slick details like those Airbumps, the



The Citroën C4 Cactus looks unlike any other vehicle on the roads thanks to its Airbump side cladding

slot-like daytime running lights and the arclike roof rails.

The cabin has had lots of design effort put in it. Everything feels soft and relaxing, with squidgy seats and a simplified dash with a touch screen to house most minor controls. In an industry first, the passenger airbag is housed in the roof, freeing up the dash area to feel lighter and airier. The front seat is bench-like but only seats two and cost and weight has been taken out of the rear with the simple, non-split rear seat and the basic front-hinged rear windows.

The C4 Cactus is offered with four efficient powertrains, three petrol – PureTech 75, PureTech 82 and PureTech 110 – and a BlueHDi 100 diesel variant. There is even a VED-exempt petrol version – the PureTech 82 S ETG emitting just 98g/km. If you want a low-mileage urban scooter that looks great and is easy to drive, the C4 Cactus answers the call.

● See these cars at All Electric Citroën, 3, Churchfields, Kidderminster DY10 2JL. Call the sales team on (01562) 535167 for more information.



**BUY YOUR
66 REG NOW**



£99.⁹³
PER MONTH



£500
DEPOSIT
CONTRIBUTION

CITROËN C1 VTi 68 MANUAL 3-DOOR FUEL

TERM OF AGREEMENT 37 MONTHS	36 MONTHLY PAYMENTS OF £99.93	CUSTOMER DEPOSIT £2,100	ON THE ROAD CASH PRICE £9,975.00	TOTAL INTEREST £893.48
FINAL PURCHASE PAYMENT £4,671.00	TOTAL ADVANCE £7,375.00	DEPOSIT CONTRIBUTION £500	TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE £10,868.48	REPRESENTATIVE 4.9% APR

Annual mileage 6,000, 6 pence per mile includes VAT (applies only if Contract mileage is exceeded) The Quotation is valid for 14 days from 10/08/16 subject to change in Manufacturer Prices or Interest Rates. It is given on the understanding that the purchaser is 18 years of age or over. Finance subject to status. A guarantee may be required.

CALL ALL ELECTRIC NOW ON 01562 549939

CHURCHFIELDS, KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE DY10 2JL

www.allelectric.co.uk/citroen

CREATIVE TECHNOLOGIE



Clever move with Kia Niro

Kia needed a small Juke-style compact Crossover model. And it also wanted a hybrid able to appeal to buyers who can't quite stretch to a Toyota Prius. The Niro smartly packages up both requirements into one potentially appealing product.

Under the bonnet lies a 1.6-litre petrol/electric hybrid powerplant of the non-plug-in variety.

The petrol unit puts out 102bhp and that's bolstered by a 42bhp electric motor mounted on the transmission and the whole package is driven by a 6-speed CVT auto gearbox. As you'd expect from a hybrid, regenerative braking is used to send power back to the battery, but Kia says it's paid special attention to brake feel, reducing the grabby nature that you get from the brakes in other hybrids.

The transmission is the latest version of Kia's 6DCT 'box, re-engineered specifically for use with the Niro's advanced hybrid powertrain, delivering a more direct and immediate response – and a more entertaining drive – than a traditional continuously-variable transmission would. The Niro's 6DCT is able to shift gears automatically, while keener drivers can pull the gear lever towards them to put the car into Manual Sports mode and allow manual

shifting.

A series of measures has been adopted to ensure low levels of noise, vibration and harshness. These include specially-designed asymmetric engine mounts to manage powertrain movements at each point in the front subframe, high density under-bonnet insulation and a sound-deadening acoustic shield with a special support structure to improve the sound of the engine accelerating across the most used range of engine speeds.

The Niro is 4,355mm in length, 1,800mm wide and 1,535mm tall, making it smaller overall than the brand's larger Sportage Crossover, though occupying a larger footprint than the cee'd hatchback. While there's nothing particularly exciting about the shape it's likely to chime with buyers in the compact Crossover segment and has a relatively sleek 0.29Cd drag factor.

The Niro's styling is certainly a break away from more sensible Prius-style hybrid models while inside the cabin has been designed to give an impression of space and modernity, with a wide dashboard and defined horizontal lines. The Niro follows the most recent Kia models in offering high quality, soft-touch materials throughout the interior. There's decent boot capacity too - 421-litres.

Matching hybrid power with Crossover trendiness was always going to make an appealing combination and the Niro delivers exactly that.

We're a little disappointed that there are no more affordable conventionally-engined versions but that apart, we like the look of what's on offer here.

Not everyone wants the noise, smell and extra expense of a diesel engine. Well if you don't, then here's a way of getting diesel economy with petrol convenience in a fashionable-looking package.

Be sure to check out the new Kia Niro at Brindley Kia.

● Brindley Kia, 55 Penn Road, Wolverhampton, West Midlands WV2 4WW. Tel: 01902 542909

● Brindley Kia, 85 New Road, Tipton, West Bromwich, West Midlands DY4 7BX.

FACT FILE

Kia Niro

PRICES: £20,000 [est]

INSURANCE: TBC

CO2: 89g/km

PERFORMANCE: TBC

ECONOMY: (combined) 73.6mpg [est]

SAFETY: ESP, twin front, side and curtain airbags, ABS with EBA and EBD



kia.co.uk

The All-New Kia Niro.

Crossover by design. Hybrid by nature.

FROM £21,295

- Dual Automatic Air Conditioning
- Lane Keep Assist System
- DAB Radio
- Alloy Wheels
- Cruise Control



niro

Brindley Kia

• 85 New Road, Tipton DY4 7BX

T. 0121 629 0892 brindleykia.co.uk

• 55 Penn Road, Wolverhampton WV2 4WW

T. 01902 690634 brindleykia.co.uk



The Power to Surprise

Fuel consumption in mpg (l/100km) for the All-New Kia Niro range: Urban 64.2 (4.4) – 74.3 (3.8), Extra Urban 62.8 (4.5) – 72.4 (3.9), Combined 64.2 (4.4) – 74.3 (3.8), CO₂ 101 – 88g/km. MPG figures are official EU test figures for comparative purposes and may not reflect real driving results. Model shown: All-New Kia Niro 'First Edition' 1.6 GDi 1.56kWh lithium-ion 139bhp 6-speed auto DCT at £26,955. *Care-3 is the Kia Servicing Package that covers recommended manufacturers servicing. T&Cs apply. 7 year / 100,000 mile manufacturer's warranty. For full terms and exclusions visit www.kia.co.uk.

Three credible MG models

MG now has three highly credible models in its range since the brand was re-introduced to the British market in 2007. Let's find out more.

MG3

Now cleaner and smarter than before, the MG3 is a supermini you probably won't have considered.

Yet it's fun to drive, practical to own and vastly more affordable than the conventional choices in this segment.

If you don't need class-leading efficiency and you're prepared to forgive a few rough edges in return for the big savings on offer, then it could rank as a very clever choice.

Prices start at under £8,500, getting this supermini-sized car for less than the kind of money you'd pay for a little citycar. All models get signature front LED lights and a hill holder clutch as standard, with all but the entry model featuring a high quality DAB audio system.

Safety-wise, there are six airbags, electronic stability control, corner brake control and traction control.

MG6

The much-improved MG6 will appeal to those who like a British-built product that's good to drive, inexpensive, economical and spacious.

The styling's been refreshed, it's more economical, it's quicker, it's sharper through corners and there's a stack more kit included.

In other words, it's upped its game right across the board.

There are no petrol engines this time

round, just a much improved version of the brand's 1.9-litre DTi diesel. This engine has been developed (and is assembled) at Longbridge from a kit of parts built in China and it's a gutsy unit.

It's badgeged DTi-Tech, displaces 1849cc and features common rail fuelling and a variable-rate turbocharger while packing 150PS. Torque? You get a decent 350Nm at just 1,800rpm and the six-speed manual gearbox makes keeping on top of it, fairly un-troublesome.

A hefty 75kg has been taken out of the vehicle in creation of this version and the result is that 0.5 seconds has been shaved off the sprint to 62mph, the MG6 now recording a brisk 8.4 second time.

MG GS

Crossovers now come in all shapes and sizes but if you want one capable of taking the family – something Qashqai-sized – then typically, you're looking at having to find around £20,000 to get it new.

If any brand could substantially reduce the asking fee necessary to get one of these kinds of cars in your driveway, they'd have a strong proposition to offer.

Well MG has done just that with the recently launched GS model, arguably its most credible car yet. Prices start from around £15,000.

Spec up a rival to this level and you'd be paying thousands more.

Its swoopy looks of the GS are rather appealing, and it's quite practical too, the boot being bigger than in several rivals.

To start with, only one engine is on offer here, a 1.5-litre turbo petrol unit with 164bhp – a little more power than you might expect from a car at this price point, especially as



You most certainly won't be disappointed by what

the poke comes in concert with a useful 250Nm of torque.

Small to medium caravans and trailers of up to 1,750kg in weight should be no problem. As for running costs, this GS manages 46.3mpg on the combined cycle and 139g/km.

In summary, approach the GS with ex-

pectations in line with the prices being asked and you most certainly won't be disappointed by what it offers.

● See the impressive MG range at Summit Garage (Dudley) Limited, 413-415 Himley Road, Lower Gornal, Dudley DY3 2RA. Telephone (01384) 259555 for more information.

NOW AVAILABLE ON 0% APR FINANCE*
 VEHICLE SHOWN IS MG GS EXCLUSIVE IN SUNSET ORANGE WITH BLACK A-POST DECAL AT £19,989

THE ALL NEW MG GS

THE LATEST ADDITION TO THE MG FAMILY

FROM £14,995*

INCLUDING 5 YEARS WARRANTY

FIND OUT MORE AT MG.CO.UK/GS

Fuel consumption: URBAN 36.6 - 37.6 mpg | 7.7 - 7.5 l/100km, EXTRA URBAN 53.2 mpg | 5.3 l/100km, COMBINED 45.5 - 46.3 mpg | 6.2 - 6.1 l/100km, CO₂ EMISSIONS 139 - 141 g/km

Model shown is MG GS Exclusive with Sunset Orange paint and black A-post decal at £19,989. On the road price of £14,995 applies to the MG GS Explore with no optional extras. On the road (OTR) prices include VAT where applicable, vehicle first registration fee, delivery, number plates and 12 months' Vehicle Excise Duty. From prices exclude optional metallic paint, accessories and graphics packs. Fuel consumption values shown are based on official EU test figures and are to be used as a guide for comparative purposes and may not be representative of actual driving results.

† Conditional Sale. 0% APR available on all MG GS models until 30 September 2016. A minimum deposit of 20% of the cash OTR price applies. Finance by MG Financial Services, a trading style of GMAC UK plc, PO Box 6666, Cardiff CF15 7YT. Finance subject to status. Availability and terms and conditions apply. Applicants must be aged 18 or over. Offer available at participating dealers. Please see your local dealer or visit www.mg.co.uk/offers for details.

Summit Garage (Dudley) Ltd trading as Summit Garage

Summit Garage

Himley Road Gornal Wood Dudley West Midlands DY3 2RA

01384 259555 www.summitgarage.co.uk

Fabulous Ford features

The Ford Focus didn't feel as if it needed to much remedial work done, but the latest updates give it a better-looking face, a more user-friendly interior, more efficient engines and some suspension tweaks that aim to remind us what made the Focus great in the first place.

The engine range has also been revised. The Focus petrol engine line-up now largely hinges around an efficient 1.5-litre EcoBoost unit available in either 150 or 180PS outputs. Buyers can though, continue to opt for the 1.0-litre EcoBoost petrol powerplant in 100 and 120PS guises that was chosen by a third of customers in the pre-facelift model – and a sub-100g/km version has also been developed. Diesel drivers are catered for with a 1.5-litre TDCi powerplant available in 95 or 120PS outputs. The hot ST version should build on the brilliance of its junior sibling, the livewire Fiesta ST.



The styling updates look really good, especially the front end which wears an Aston Martin lookalike front grille so much more elegantly than the somewhat pan-faced Fiesta. The interior has also been given a serious once-over. The fascia design is more intuitive, that button-strewn centre stack and steering wheel being tidied up considerably. Many of the controls are now marshalled by the SYNC 2 high-resolution, 8-inch colour touch screen system. The Focus is back at the very top of its game!

Ford has completed its SUV line-up with a larger model, the Edge, a car that takes the brand back into the luxury part of this segment. With the Edge model offered here there's a choice of 180PS 2.0-litre TDCi diesel engine with six-speed manual transmission, or 210PS bi-turbo 2.0 litre TDCi diesel with a six-speed PowerShift automatic gearbox. It features Ford's Intelligent All-Wheel Drive (AWD) technology as standard, delivering a seamless transition between front-wheel drive and all-wheel drive performance to provide a more secure footing on the road especially in slippery conditions.

The Edge's exterior is sharp and attractive, while inside, the interior has been designed with high-quality materials throughout, including soft-touch trims on the dashboard and centre console. Overall then, this is the most competitive large SUV that the Blue Oval brand has yet brought us. We can already recommend this car as a promising prospect.

Featuring vehicles with sporty styling inspired by Ford Performance and offering a range of powerful and efficient EcoBoost petrol and TDCi diesel powertrains, Ford now offers today announced a new ST-Line model range for Europe, ST-Line launches with the Fiesta ST-Line – priced from £15,645



Ford has completed its SUV line-up with a larger model, the Edge, a car that takes the brand back into the luxury part of this segment

– and Focus STLine – priced from £20,595 – both available to order now.

Delivering bold exterior and interior designs inspired by Ford's acclaimed Fiesta ST performance model, the new Fiesta STLine are designed for customers who aspire to the sporty image of Ford's ST models – but do not require the full performance delivered by optimised ST engines and chassis with sports technologies. Enhanced driving dynamics are delivered by sport suspension – lowered by 10mm

The Fiesta STLine is offered with a range of powerful engines including Ford's multi-award-winning 1.0-litre EcoBoost petrol

engine, sport suspension and body styling, unique alloy wheel designs, and sport seats, sport steering wheel and alloy pedals for the interior. Available in 3-door and 5-door bodystyles, the Fiesta ST-Line is a sporty new addition to the UK's best-selling car.

• See these models and many more at Hills Ford at 169-171 Newtown Road, Malvern WR14 1PJ. Call (01684) 212 410 to find out more.

You can also find Hills Ford at Worcester Road, Kidderminster DY10 1JB.

Phone the sales team there on (01562) 540595 for more information.

Hills Ford have new 66 plate Fords at the very best prices

66 REG



24 HOUR TEST DRIVES on all new car enquiries
Ask for details

**NEW ECOSPORT TITANIUM
1.0T 125PS 5DR**



CASH PRICE £15,710.69

£400

FINANCE DEPOSIT ALLOWANCE

CUSTOMER SAVING £1,422.31

**NEW KUGA TITANIUM SPORT
2.0 TDCI 150PS 5 DR**



CASH PRICE £24,397.26

£1,700

FINANCE DEPOSIT ALLOWANCE

CUSTOMER SAVING £3,015.74

**NEW FORD EDGE ZETEC
2.0 TDCI 180PS AWD 5 DR**



CASH PRICE £29,995.00

£500

FINANCE DEPOSIT ALLOWANCE

CUSTOMER SAVING £2,496.00



HILLS FORD

Worcester Road, Kidderminster DY10 1JB
01562 549708

hillsford.co.uk

169-171 Newtown Road, Malvern WR14 1PJ
01684 212326

Official fuel consumption figures in mpg (l/100km) Ford Car range: urban 41.5 - 23.54 (6.8-12.0), extra urban 67.3 - 34.87 (4.2-8.1), combined 57.7 - 29.73 (4.9-9.5). Official CO2 emission 95-249g/km. Offers end 30th September 2016. Details correct at time of going to print. Subject to availability. Contact us for full terms and conditions. *Finance deposit subject to status. Guarantees may be required. 2.9% APR Representative offer excludes KA Studio, KA Style, Edge, RS and Mustang. Ford Credit Finance Abbott House, Everard Close, St Albans AL1 2RW. MTCR Marketing LTD Trading as Hills Ford is acting as a credit broker and is not a lender. Retail only. †Conditions apply and excludes RS, ST, Mustang. Images for illustration purposes only. E&OE.



Take a look at range

Celerio

The Suzuki Celerio aims to offer the interior space of the company's old Splash model, plus the price and economy of the Suzuki Alto citycar it also replaces. Certainly this car, with its perky 1.0-litre three cylinder engines, big spec list and optional AGS transmission, looks to be made of all the right stuff.

If you want a car that is utterly no-nonsense, easy to use and which we'd bet will prove to be extremely reliable, the Celerio demonstrates that these qualities needn't cost you the earth.

The fact that it's well-equipped and is incredibly cheap to run is just the icing on the cake.

Baleno

Suzuki is bringing back the Baleno nameplate as they expand their range. Although designed to compete against cars like the Ford Fiesta and Skoda Fabia, it promises greater levels of space at a bargain price. Suzuki will be perfectly placed to appeal to those looking to downsize.

There are a couple of highly efficient engine options in the new Baleno. Space is the big selling point though.

Not only is there plenty of room for rear seat passengers, there's a class leading 355-litre boot too.

Compared to the Swift, the Baleno is longer, wider yet lower, which gives it a much less upright look. Safety-highlights include an adaptive cruise control system that can alter the car's speed to suit traffic and autonomous braking too.

Swift range

With the current generation version of their Swift supermini, Suzuki has stayed true to the design principles that have long served them in the small car sector, low running costs, high quality and a spacious cabin being the highlights.

For the latest model year, the design gets minor visual tweaks, the option of 4WD and a five-door bodystyle alternative for the top Sport hot hatch.

If you haven't checked out this Swift for some time but are familiar with the model, you might notice that the latest versions have been lately treated to a restyle running to things like a re-designed front bumper and grille and silver detailing to the lower front bumper.

For added safety and style, a neater LED-type high level brake lamp has been added. Plus there's a reasonable 204-litre boot.

Vitara

The Vitara, Suzuki's latest compact crossover, aims to build a lot of talent into four metres.

With a choice of petrol or diesel, front or all-wheel drive and styling that's more assured than anything Suzuki has brought us before, it looks to be a competitive proposition.

The mechanicals are shared as they are with the existing SX4 S-Cross. So buyers get to choose between either a 1.6-litre petrol engine or a 118bhp 1.6 diesel, both being offered in front or four-wheel drive guises.

The petrol engine is fitted with a five-speed manual gearbox as standard,



with an optional CVT transmission also offered.

Go diesel and you get a six-speed manual box.

Short overhangs will help with off-roading and the ALLGRIP four-wheel-drive transmission features an electronically controlled clutch pack, controlled by a four-position switch on the centre console.

Internally and externally the Vitara

is quite an assured piece of design work.

Buyers can also specify a rugged package which adds front and rear skidplates as well as additional body side mouldings.

Check out these Suzuki models at Halesowen Motor House on Dudley, Halesowen B63 3NH. Call (0121) 503 0001 to arrange your test drive.*

*Terms and Conditions Apply

Check out
these Suzuki
models at
Halesowen

GREAT PRICES



Way of Life!

AT HALESOWEN MOTOR HOUSE
FREE SET OF CAR MATS WITH EVERY 66 PLATE SUZUKI



**Celerio from
£6,999***

- BODY COLOUR EXTERIOR DOOR HANDLES
- CURTAIN AIRBAGS
- DRIVER & FRONT PASSENGER AIRBAGS
- DAB DIGITAL RADIO

**Swift from
£8,999***

- 3 AND 5 DOOR MODELS
- 1.2 PETROL AND DUALJET ENGINES

**Vitara from
£14,499***

- USB CONNECTOR
- SILVER ROOF RAILS

Don't forget to ask about our competitive finance packages tailored to suit you. Free set of car mats with all 66 Plate Suzukis. Offer ends 30/09/2016

Book your test drive today at suzuki.co.uk/halesowenmotorhouse
Or visit us at www.halesowenmotorhouse.co.uk

HALESOWEN MOTOR HOUSE

Dudley Road Halesowen B63 3NH 0121 503 0001

Official Fuel Consumption Figures for the Suzuki Celerio range mpg (litres/100km) and CO₂ emissions (g/km): Urban 55.3-68.9 (5.3-4.1), Extra Urban 76.3-83.0 (3.7-3.4), Combined 65.7-78.4 (4.3-3.6), CO₂ emissions 99-84 g/km and for the Suzuki Swift range mpg (litres/100km) and CO₂ emissions (g/km): Urban 41.5-57.6 (6.8-4.9), Extra Urban 57.6-72.4 (4.9-3.9), Combined 50.4-65.7 (5.6-4.3), CO₂ emissions 128-99 g/km and for the Suzuki Vitara range mpg (litres/100km) and CO₂ emissions (g/km): Urban 42.1-61.4 (6.7-4.6), Extra Urban 55.4-76.3 (5.1-3.7), Combined 49.5-70.6 (5.7-4.0), CO₂ emissions 131-106 g/km.

The above fuel consumption figures are based on an EU test for comparative purposes only and may not reflect real driving results. For full details contact your local participating Suzuki Dealer. Offer subject to availability for vehicles privately registered between 1st July to 30th September 2016 from participating Authorised Suzuki Dealers only. Offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other offers. All prices and specifications correct at time of going to print. Model(s) shown *Celerio 1.0 S22 available at £6,999 on the road (Metallic paint available at £415). Celerio range - Celerio 1.0 S22 Petrol Manual available at £6,999 to Celerio 1.0 S24 Petrol AGS 1.0 S24 Petrol Manual available at £8,999 to Swift 1.2 S24 5dr Petrol Dualjet available at £12,699. *Vitara 1.6 S24 available at £14,499 on the road. (Single-tone metallic paint available at £415, dual-tone paint is available at £800). Vitara 1.6 Petrol Manual available at £14,499 to Vitara S23 1.6 DDIS ALLGRIP TCSS with Rugged Pack available at £24,149.



Start your journey down Route "66"

Order Now....

Your '66' Registration 'Brand New' Swift or Autosleeper Motorhome from our advertised stock then.....

Pay your deposit for your new Motorhome, accept your handover by one of our fully trained technicians during the month of August and once fully paid (**or take advantage of our special 'low rate' finance**), we will deliver to your nominated U.K. address ready for your adventures to commence on 1st September!

(Remember, order early to allow for D.V.L.A. registration and you must provide off road parking and Comprehensive Insurance for August delivery (within 150 miles radius). PART EXCHANGES WANTED).



01384 882821

AEG Motorhomes

Birmingham Street, Stourbridge,
West Midlands, DY8 1JE
www.aegmotorhomes.co.uk

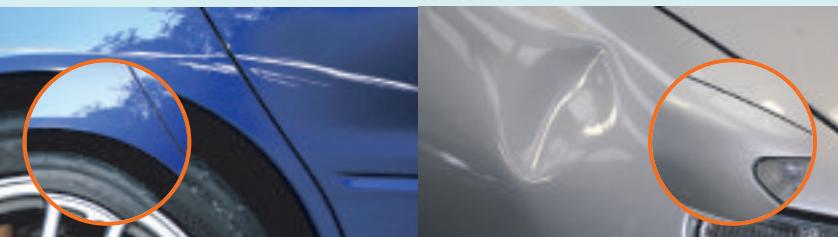


Express Repairs for Minor Accident Damage



✓ Bumper scuffs

✓ Kerbed alloys



✓ Paintwork scratches

✓ Dented panels

**Local: 01384 429568
Mobile: 07500 858428**

Email us: halesowen.stourbridge@chipsaway.co.uk
www.chipsawayhalesowenandstourbridge.co.uk

Visit us: Unit 9 Lye Valley Industrial Estate,
Bromley Street, Lye DY9 8HX



ChipsAway

Scratches and scuff won't dent your pocket

• Free Estimates • Lifetime Guarantee • Most Repairs Completed in One Day



Motorhomes ownership The smart choice for today's holiday

Over the last few years many people have been turning to camping holidays as a cost effective and fun choice for their breaks. As a result, motorhome ownership has been rising as more people have seen the advantages offered by camping breaks which offer value for money and an enjoyable holidaying experience.

The appeal of owning a motorhome is obvious to those who enjoy self catering holidays. You can generally stay where you want to stay and enjoy a real family holiday experience, and trips

away can be relatively inexpensive. There's usually a vibrant social scene at camping sites to consider, and it's worth bearing in mind that these days the vast majority offer excellent onsite facilities.

Purchase

So, how do you decide on which motorhome to purchase? First of all, you must decide on whether you wish to buy new or used. Then you have to take into consideration how many there are of you who might wish to use the motorhome on a regular basis. Two, four, six and even eight berth models are available.

Visit your local motorhome dealer, AEG Motorhomes, where the team of friendly experts will be able to guide you through the process of deciding which model to opt for. You'll need gas and accessories too, and they should be able to assist you with all these aspects of ownership.

The choice of motorhomes and caravans is amazingly varied with something to suit everybody and every budget. So visit AEG Motorhomes on Birmingham Street, Stourbridge, DY8 1JE and take a good look at the motorhomes available. Call (01384) 882821 or log on to www.aegmotorhomes.co.uk to find out more.

16 pages of
NEW CAR DEALS

NewCar?

VIEW OUR VIDEO ROAD TESTS

WWW.EXPRESSANDSTAR.CO.UK

11th August

Stafford & Stone Express & Star

MNA

12th August

Express & Star

Express & Star

10th & 11th August

Dudley, Halesowen &
Stourbridge Chronicle



CHANGE UP A GEAR WITH **DRIVETIME...**

Good price, premium refinement in Insignia



By John Griffiths

Vauxhall's Insignia is a big family car which is aimed firmly at the business market, where low running costs (and in particular tax bills) are critical.

Competition is fierce, with big name rivals such as the Mazda6, VW Passat and, of course, the big-sounding Ford Mondeo to contend with. That rivalry has been the key to driving up standards, as well as paring costs, as business drivers often have to spend many hours each working day behind the wheel and take the family out at weekends.

The Insignia has been around for a while, but has been tweaked here and there with particular attention to what's under the bonnet, with a new range of highly efficient engines. The test car was (wait for it) 1.6CDTi ecoFLEX S/S in Tech Line trim: a bit of a mouthful but popular in company car parks across the country. And I can see why.

The Insignia has good looks on its side because of its sleek, sporty profile which means it could pass itself off as a big coupe – except that it has five doors, and room for five adults and lots of luggage inside.

Even if you're not excited by all things oily and mechanical, you appreciate the brilliance of the relatively small (for a car of this size) 1.598cc turbo diesel engine simply because of the way it impacts on so many aspects of the car.

It is the latest example of what Vauxhall terms its whisper diesel and is aptly named.

You might not be able to hear the clock ticking (it's digital) or a pin drop (because of the thick carpets) but it's virtually silent while cruising the motorway at 70mph, helping the Insignia reach levels of refinement and relaxation that were once the preserve of the rich man's luxury motor.

Its 0 to 62mph time of 10.9 seconds is moderately quick, but with the turbo diesel's 320Nm of torque available from 2,000rpm the sprint figure isn't representative of the Insignia's in-gear performance – for example decisive overtaking.

Impressed

Neither is it underpowered even for such a big car, as its official fuel economy figure is 74.3mpg. That's a laboratory test, of course, which you're unlikely to achieve in the real world but I was impressed by my average of a little over 54mpg. That included around town driving and a trip along Welsh mountain roads with plenty of throttle adjustments and gear changes: on an A-road and motorway cruise I'm confident 60-plus is perfectly possible.

The official figures though mean that its CO₂ emissions rating is 99g/km – meaning no road tax and low benefit-in-kind tax for the company car driver. An insurance rating of Group 17E shouldn't break the bank, either.

While running costs are frugal, don't be left with the impression this is a cheap car. The Tech Line cabin is spacious, with high grade materials and big, comfortable seats.

The ride is also a good compromise between dynamics and comfort, so even on poorer surfaces it damps the effects of all but the worst potholes. Yet, with the addition of nicely weighted steering, it's a car you can swing through the corners with confidence.

It's well put together as a car for going the distance. My test drive took in some 200 miles of pretty testing roads which were completed without the driver feeling stiff, tired and grumpy – ideal for today's businessman travelling to an important meeting. The driver gets an electric lumbar support adjuster, which helps keep you comfortable on a long drive and there's an efficient climate control system.

As you'd expect, the driver's comprehensive instrument display is complemented by a central touch screen controller for the audio, satnav and connectivity systems. It also has a programme for adjusting various car settings, eliminating a potential clutter of switches on the fascia,

Standard equipment includes cruise control, electric windows and door mirrors, automatic headlamps and wipers, electronic stability control and six airbags.

An option fitted to the vehicle was Vauxhall's new and impressive Onstar system at £395. Its just three buttons in the roof panel, but using GPS and a telematics system it's a major step forward. You can, for example, speak to a real human operator in Onstar's Luton HQ who can give your car a remote control once-over to see, for example, if your tyres are correctly inflated. Or give them a destination and a route will be downloaded into the car's navigation system.

But probably the most convincing reason for having the option fitted is the red SOS button which can put you in touch with the operator (who will know your location) and alert the emergency services. If the car is stolen, Onstar can remotely disable it and report its location to the police.

The Insignia is competitively priced, particularly for a car offering premium car refinement. Low running costs and futuristic technology to a section of the market where drivers rely on their vehicles to cover high mileages.

It will carry up to 530 litres of cargo (almost 1,500 litres with the rear seats folded down), adding practicality to its stylish yet frugal character.

Oak Garage .co.uk

Oak Garage your local RAC Approved Dealer.



Only 500 Yards From Merry Hill Shopping Centre

Our Low Mileage Selection

13 Meriva 1.4 Exclusiv Auto Silver Only 3000 Miles	£8,795
65 Adam 1.2 Jam 3dr Red Only 5000 Miles	£8,995
64 Kia Picanto 1.0 VR7 Red Only 9000 Miles	£6,795
13 Kia Venga 1.6 2 Auto Black Only 10000 Miles	£7,995
14 Zafira 1.7 CDTI Exclusiv Brown Only 10000 Miles	£9,495
13 Note 1.6 N-Tec+ Auto Red Only 11000 Miles	£7,795
14 Meriva 1.4 SE Auto Brown Only 11000 Miles	£9,995
64 Suzuki SX4 S Cross 1.6 SZ3 Red Only 11000 Miles	£9,295
12 Insignia 2.0 CDTI 160 SRI EST Black 12000 Miles	£9,995
64 C4 Picasso 1.6 HDI VTR+ Blue Only 13000 Miles	£11,495
13 DS4 1.6 HDi 115 Dstyle White Only 14000 Miles	£9,995
12 Fiesta 1.25 Zetec Silver Only 15000 Miles	£7,495
13 C4 Picasso 1.6 E-HDI Plat EGS Red Only 16000 Miles	£9,995
13 Fiesta 1.6 Zetec Auto Silver Only 17000 Miles	£8,995
13 Venga 1.4 CRDI 2 Blue Only 17000 Miles	£7,995
12 308 1.6 HDI Active Blue Only 17000 Miles	£6,795
13 Meriva 1.4 Exclusiv Auto Orange Only 17000 Miles	£7,795
13 Seat Altea XI 1.6 TDI CR SE Red Only 17000 Miles	£8,995
64 Qashqai 1.5 DCI Tekna White Only 17000 Miles	£17,495
13 C3 Picasso 1.6 Exc EGS6 Red Only 18000 Miles	£7,995

Citroen

13 Berlingo 1.6 HDI+ Multispace Blue 27k	£8,495
13 C3 Picasso 1.6 VTR+ EGS6 White 28k	£7,295
13 C3 Picasso 1.6 VTR+ EGS Red 31k	£7,295
13 C3 Picasso 1.6 HDI Excl Blue 34k	£7,495
59 C4 Picasso 1.6 HDI VTR+ EGS Grey 66k	£5,495

Ford

57 Fiesta 1.25 Zetec Cli 3dr Black	£2,195
58 Focus 1.6 Style Blue 63k	£3,995
13 Gr C-Max 1.6 TDCI Zetec White 27k	£9,995

Nissan

58 Note 1.4 Acenta Red 50k	£3,795
13 Note 1.5 DCI N-Tec+ Blue 24k	£7,495
13 Note 1.5 DCI N-Tec+ White 25k	£7,295
13 Juke 1.5 DCI Acenta Blue 32k	£9,495
13 Juke 1.6 Acenta Red 24k	£8,995

Peugeot

13 Partner 1.6 HDI Teepee Grey 28k	£8,495
13 3008 1.6 E-HDI Allure EGC Black 28k	£9,995
13 3008 1.6 HDI Active Silver 34k	£8,495
13 3008 1.6 HDI Active II Blue 29k	£8,995
13 3008 1.6 HDI Active II EGC Grey 49k	£7,995

Renault

07 Modus 1.5 DCI Dynamique Silver 37k	£2,995
58 Kangoo 1.2 Auth Blue 23k Wheelchair Access Ramp	£3,995
14 Captur 1.5 DCI Dyn S Blue 22k	£10,995
13 Gr Scenic 1.5 DCI Dynam Tomtom Red 29k	£9,995

Vauxhall

61 Corsa 1.2 SXI Silver 40k	£5,295
10 Corsa 1.4 SE Grey 51k	£4,795
13 Astra GTC 2.0 CDTI SRI Coupe Red 19k	£9,495
12 Zafira 1.6 Design Red 22k	£7,495

Others

57 Cherokee 2.8 CRD Sport Auto Silver 63k	£4,795
12 Kia Sportage 1.7 CRDI 2 S/Wagon Black 43k	£11,795
08 Lexus IS F 5.0 Auto Red 58k	£21,995
59 Mini 1.6 Cooper White 36k	£5,995
62 Seat Leon 1.6 TDI CR SE Copa White 45k	£7,995
62 XC 60 R Design AWD White 24k	£22,495

Choice of Nissan Notes From £7295



Sales Line Open Every Day Until 9pm
Call Steve 07747633329

3 Years
Service Plan with all
our Nissan Notes this weekend

Over 100 Low Mileage Cars available soon, see details at:

www.oakgarage.co.uk

Unit 1, Sterling Park, Brierley Hill DY5 1TB

Tel: 01384 75097

Opening Times: Mon-Thu: 9am-6pm, Fri-Sat: 9am-5pm, Sun: 11am-4pm



Specialists In One Owner, Low Mileage,
Full Service History, Ex Motability Vehicles

Fiat Tipo – class leader

Commercial feature

The new Fiat Tipo hatchback is deceptively roomy, being capable of accommodating three six-feet-plus adult passengers in the rear – thanks to class-leading legroom and outstanding headroom.

Its boot capacity is also best-in-class with a volume of 440 litres, while the Station Wagon version adds an additional 110 litres of boot space which, at 550 litres, is also class leading. The Station Wagon can also carry loads of up to 1.8m in length and its flip-and-fold 60/40 split rear seats provide a completely flat load floor.

Loading the boot of the Station Wagon is aided by a low load sill with reconfigurable components such as an adjustable load floor and removable side storage panels to further increase the width of the luggage compartment. The roller cover can be removed with one hand and stored under the floor panel, while two lights, two bag hooks and four load-retaining hooks positioned.

The Tipo features numerous cabin compartments with a variety of shapes and capacities totalling no less than 12 litres. Easily reachable by driver and passengers, these compartments are perfect for storing personal objects, smartphones, game consoles, bottles, coins and much more, and there is also a USB port for charging and connecting devices.

The entry-level trim level is equipped with air conditioning, remote central locking, front electric windows, body-coloured door

mirrors with electric adjustment, six airbags, DAB digital radio, chrome door handles, split rear seats, a front seat centre arm rest, USB and Bluetooth with steering wheel remote controls. The Station Wagon adds rear electric windows and longitudinal roof bars.

Key options for the entry-level version include front fog lights, dark tinted rear windows, rear electric windows (standard on Station Wagon), 16-inch alloy wheels, rear parking sensors and a five-inch Uconnect touchscreen system with Live services, DAB and satellite navigation.

The mid-range trim level adds a five-inch Uconnect touchscreen infotainment system, leather-trimmed steering wheel and gear knob, rear power windows, LED daytime running lights, 16-inch alloy wheels, front fog lights, rear parking sensors and cruise control. Price for the mid-level trim is £1,000 above the equivalent entry-level Tipo, simplifying the range and making it easier to choose the best Tipo for needs and budget.

Also included with the mid-level version are the Uconnect LIVE services, which combines with a smartphone app to offer music streaming with Deezer and Tuneln, news from Reuters and the ability to stay in touch with friends via Facebook Check-in and Twitter, not to mention monitoring vehicle performance, efficiency and maintenance status with eco:Drive and my:Car.

The top trim level, which is priced £1,000 above the equivalent mid-level version, builds on the specification of the mid-range Tipo but adds satellite navigation with Tom-Tom LIVE services including HD Traffic, climate control, 17-inch alloy wheels, automatic lights and wipers, rear view camera, driver's side lumbar support and a chrome pack all as standard.



Fiat Tipo has collected the prestigious Autobest “Best Buy Car 2016” award, chosen by a jury of 26 international journalists

There are three petrol engines, a 1.4-litre 16v producing 95hp a 1.4 T-Jet turbo petrol with 120hp and the 1.6-litre e-TorQ engine producing 110hp and two turbo diesel engines – a 1.3-litre MultiJet II producing 95hp and 200Nm and a 1.6-litre MultiJet II with an output of 120hp and 320Nm.

The Fiat Tipo was designed in Italy by the Fiat Style Centre, developed in Turkey together with Tofa R&D, one of FCA's largest research and development centres, and made in the Tofa plant in Bursa – one

of the world's best automotive factories, which has received a World Class Manufacturing Gold Medal.

Since its world première at the Istanbul Motor Show in May 2015 and its presentation to the international press last November, the Fiat Tipo has collected the prestigious Autobest “Best Buy Car 2016” award, chosen by a jury of 26 international journalists.

The all-new Fiat Tipo goes on sale in the UK in September in hatchback and station wagon body styles.

Express & Star

VIRTUAL MOTORSHOW

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH THE LATEST MANUFACTURER & DEALER OFFERS BY VISITING OUR SHOW...

REVIEW YOUR NEW CAR BY VIDEO BEFORE YOU TEST DRIVE!

DRIVING EXPERIENCE - COST OF OWNERSHIP - DESIGN & BUILD - RANGE

> VIDEO REVIEWS > DEALERSHIP INFORMATION

Nissan Juke

Citroën C3

Mazda 2

Skoda Fabia

Ford Fiesta

BMW 1 Series

Volvo V40

Mazda 3

Citroën C4

Mazda 6

Skoda Octavia

Ford Focus

BMW 3 Series

Volvo S60

Mazda CX-5

Citroën C5 Aircross

Mazda CX-3

Skoda Superb

Ford Mondeo

BMW 5 Series

Volvo V60

Mazda 5

Citroën C4 Picasso

Mazda 6 Wagon

Skoda Octavia Combi

Ford Galaxy

BMW 2 Series Active Tourer

Volvo V70

Mazda 2 Wagon

Citroën C3 Picasso

Mazda 3 Wagon

Skoda Fabia Combi

Ford Fiesta Wagon

BMW 1 Series Wagon

Volvo V40 Wagon

Mazda 6 Station Wagon

Citroën C5 Aircross Station Wagon

Mazda CX-5 Station Wagon

Skoda Superb Station Wagon

Ford Mondeo Station Wagon

BMW 5 Series Station Wagon

Volvo V60 Station Wagon

Mazda CX-3 Station Wagon

Citroën C4 Picasso Station Wagon

Mazda 2 Station Wagon

Skoda Fabia Combi Station Wagon

Ford Fiesta Wagon Station Wagon

BMW 1 Series Wagon Station Wagon

Volvo V40 Station Wagon

Mazda 5 Station Wagon

Citroën C3 Picasso Station Wagon

Mazda 3 Wagon Station Wagon

Skoda Fabia Combi Station Wagon

Ford Fiesta Wagon Station Wagon

BMW 1 Series Wagon Station Wagon

Volvo V40 Station Wagon

Mazda 2 Hatchback

Citroën C3 Hatchback

Mazda 3 Hatchback

Skoda Fabia Hatchback

Ford Fiesta Hatchback

BMW 1 Series Hatchback

Volvo V40 Hatchback

Mazda 5 Hatchback

Citroën C3 Picasso Hatchback

Mazda 6 Hatchback

Skoda Octavia Hatchback

Ford Focus Hatchback

BMW 2 Series Active Tourer Hatchback

Volvo V70 Hatchback

Mazda CX-5 Hatchback

Citroën C5 Aircross Hatchback

Mazda CX-3 Hatchback

Skoda Octavia Combi Hatchback

Ford Galaxy Hatchback

BMW 2 Series Active Tourer Hatchback

Volvo V60 Hatchback

Mazda 2 Hatchback

Citroën C3 Hatchback

Mazda 3 Hatchback

Skoda Fabia Hatchback

Ford Fiesta Hatchback

BMW 1 Series Hatchback

Volvo V40 Hatchback

Mazda 5 Hatchback

Citroën C3 Picasso Hatchback

Mazda 6 Hatchback

Skoda Octavia Hatchback

Ford Focus Hatchback

BMW 2 Series Active Tourer Hatchback

Volvo V70 Hatchback

Mazda 2 Estate

Citroën C3 Estate

Mazda 3 Estate

Skoda Octavia Combi Estate

Ford Galaxy Estate

BMW 2 Series Active Tourer Estate

Volvo V60 Estate

Mazda CX-5 Estate

Citroën C5 Aircross Estate

Mazda CX-3 Estate

Skoda Octavia Combi Estate

Ford Galaxy Estate

BMW 2 Series Active Tourer Estate

Volvo V70 Estate

Mazda 2 Estate

Citroën C3 Estate

Mazda 3 Estate

Skoda Octavia Hatchback Estate

Ford Focus Estate

BMW 2 Series Active Tourer Estate

Volvo V70 Estate

Mazda 5 Estate

Citroën C3 Picasso Estate

Mazda 6 Estate

Skoda Octavia Combi Estate

Ford Galaxy Estate

BMW 2 Series Active Tourer Estate

Volvo V70 Estate

Mazda 2 Station Wagon

Citroën C3 Picasso Station Wagon

Mazda 3 Station Wagon

Skoda Octavia Combi Station Wagon

Ford Galaxy Station Wagon

BMW 2 Series Active Tourer Station Wagon

Volvo V70 Station Wagon

Mazda CX-5 Station Wagon

Citroën C5 Aircross Station Wagon

Mazda CX-3 Station Wagon

Skoda Octavia Combi Station Wagon

Ford Galaxy Station Wagon

BMW 2 Series Active Tourer Station Wagon

Volvo V70 Station Wagon

Mazda 5 Station Wagon

Citroën C3 Picasso Station Wagon

Mazda 6 Station Wagon

Skoda Octavia Combi Station Wagon

Ford Galaxy Station Wagon

BMW 2 Series Active Tourer Station Wagon

Volvo V70 Station Wagon

Mazda 2 Hatchback

Citroën C3 Hatchback

Mazda 3 Hatchback

Skoda Fabia Hatchback

Ford Fiesta Hatchback

BMW 1 Series Hatchback

Volvo V40 Hatchback

Mazda 5 Hatchback

Citroën C3 Picasso Hatchback

Mazda 6 Hatchback

Skoda Octavia Hatchback

Ford Focus Hatchback

BMW 2 Series Active Tourer Hatchback

Volvo V70 Hatchback

Mazda CX-5 Hatchback

Citroën C5 Aircross Hatchback

Mazda CX-3 Hatchback

Skoda Octavia Hatchback

Ford Focus Hatchback

BMW 2 Series Active Tourer Hatchback

Volvo V70 Hatchback

Mazda 2 Hatchback

Citroën C3 Hatchback

Mazda 3 Hatchback

Skoda Fabia Hatchback

Ford Fiesta Hatchback

BMW 1 Series Hatchback

Volvo V40 Hatchback

Mazda 5 Hatchback

Citroën C3 Picasso Hatchback

Mazda 6 Hatchback

Skoda Octavia Hatchback

Ford Focus Hatchback

BMW 2 Series Active Tourer Hatchback

Volvo V70 Hatchback

Mazda CX-5 Hatchback

Citroën C5 Aircross Hatchback

Mazda CX-3 Hatchback

Skoda Octavia Hatchback

Ford Focus Hatchback

BMW 2 Series Active Tourer Hatchback

Volvo V70 Hatchback

Mazda 2 Estate

Citroën C3 Estate

Mazda 3 Estate

Skoda Octavia Combi Estate

Ford Galaxy Estate

BMW 2 Series Active Tourer Estate

Volvo V70 Estate

Mazda CX-5 Estate

Citroën C5 Aircross Estate

Mazda CX-3 Estate

Skoda Octavia Combi Estate

Ford Galaxy Estate

BMW 2 Series Active Tourer Estate

Volvo V70 Estate

Mazda 2 Station Wagon

Citroën C3 Picasso Station Wagon

Mazda 3 Station Wagon

Skoda Octavia Combi Station Wagon

Ford Galaxy Station Wagon

BMW 2 Series Active Tourer Station Wagon

Volvo V70 Station Wagon

Mazda CX-5 Station Wagon

Citroën C5 Aircross Station Wagon

Mazda CX-3 Station Wagon

Skoda Octavia Combi Station Wagon

Ford Galaxy Station Wagon

BMW 2 Series Active Tourer Station Wagon

Volvo V70 Station Wagon

Mazda 2 Hatchback

Citroën C3 Hatchback

Mazda 3 Hatchback

Skoda Fabia Hatchback

Ford Fiesta Hatchback

BMW 1 Series Hatchback

Volvo V40 Hatchback

Mazda 5 Hatchback

Citroën C3 Picasso Hatchback

Mazda 6 Hatchback

Skoda Octavia Hatchback

Ford Focus Hatchback

BMW 2 Series Active Tourer Hatchback

Volvo V70 Hatchback

Mazda CX-5 Hatchback

Citroën C5 Aircross Hatchback

Mazda CX-3 Hatchback

Skoda Octavia Hatchback

Ford Focus Hatchback

BMW 2 Series Active Tourer Hatchback

Volvo V70 Hatchback

Mazda 2 Hatchback

Citroën C3 Hatchback

Mazda 3 Hatchback

Skoda Fabia Hatchback

<p

fast theticket

Pete performs

Williams ready to wow – P35



Gabrielle rises
See Page 35

NATIVE MONSTER
Entertainment Unleashed



For full listings see **Express & Star** every Friday

Travelstyle COACH HOLIDAYS

FREE BROCHURE 0844 288 0830

or visit travelstyletours.co.uk

SHOWTIME 2/4 DAYS FROM £99.95 MORE DATES... MORE SHOWS... travelstyletours.co.uk HALF BOARD ACCOMMODATION Ticket included	LONGLEAT SAFARI Jungle Cruise & Bath 2 DAYS £99.95 OVERNIGHT HALF BOARD • Admission to Safari Park, Jungle Cruise, African Village, Longleat House & more plus visit to Bath SAT 27 AUG, 10 SEP, 1, 22 OCT	HOLY ISLAND, BAMBURGH & NORTHUMBERLAND 5 DAYS FROM £199.95 4 NIGHTS HALF BOARD Britannia Hotel, Woolington • Includes visits to Bamburgh, Seahouses & Holy Island, Berwick on Tweed and Cheviot Hills MON 22 AUG, 12 SEP, 3 OCT	BLACKPOOL ILLUMINATIONS 2/3/5 DAYS FROM £59.95 HALF BOARD at Selected Hotels 2 DAYS - 25 SEP, 16, 22, 30 OCT 3 DAYS - 9 SEP, 7, 28 OCT 5 DAYS - 5, 19 SEP, 24 OCT	LIVERPOOL BEATLES & CHESTER 2 for 1 BAR 6pm-9pm ITBC APPLY! 5 DAYS FROM £189.95 4 NIGHTS HALF BOARD Adelphi Hotel, Mersey River Cruise & Visit to Chester • Includes Beatles Tour & Cavern Club, Mersey River Cruise & Visit to Chester MON 5, 19 SEP, 24 OCT, 28 NOV	TORQUAY & EDEN PROJECT 4/5 DAYS FROM £149.95 3/4 NIGHTS HALF BOARD Sessacape/Bancourt Hotel • Includes Beatles Tour & Cavern Club, Mersey River Cruise & Visit to Chester 4 DAYS FRI 19, 26 AUG, 23 SEP, 21 OCT 5 DAYS MON 22 AUG, 5, 19 SEP, 3, 24 OCT	5 DAY BREAKS £139.95 FROM TORQUAY 22, 29 Aug 5, 12, 19, 26 Sep ISLE OF WIGHT 22, 29 Aug 5, 12, 19, 26 Sep BOURNEMOUTH 22, 29 Aug 5, 12, 19, 26 Sep EASTBOURNE 22 Aug, 5, 12, 19 Sep 3, 10, 24 Oct, 21 Nov FOLKESTONE & OSTEND 22, 29 Aug 5, 12, 19, 26 Sep LLANDUDNO 5, 19 Sep, 24 Oct, 28 Nov, 5 Dec
ISLE OF ARRAN & LOCH LOMOND CRUISE 5 DAYS FROM £199.95 4 NIGHTS HALF BOARD Adamton House Hotel • Isle of Arran tour & Loch Lomond Cruise MON 12 SEP, 3 OCT	WARNER STUDIO TOUR Making of Harry Potter 2 DAYS £119.95 OVERNIGHT HALF BOARD • Admission included plus visits to Science & Natural History Museums SAT 3, 24 SEP, 8 OCT, 12, 19, 26 NOV, 3, 10, 17 DEC	SOUTHPORT KESWICK & SEVEN LAKES 5 DAYS £179.95 4 NIGHTS HALF BOARD Scarsbrick Hotel, Southport • Includes visits to Keswick, Kendal Market, Morecambe, Arnside plus Seven Lakes Circular Tour MON 5, 19 SEP, 24 OCT	BABBACOMBE DEVON STEAM, CRUISE & CREAM TEA 5 DAYS FROM £199.95 4 NIGHTS HALF BOARD Trecam Hotel • Includes South Devon steam train ride & River Dart cruise, plus an afternoon Devon cream tea MON 22, 29 AUG, 5, 12 SEP, 3, 10, 24 OCT	ISLANDS AT CHESTER ZOO & LLANGOLLEN CRUISE 2 DAYS £99.95 OVERNIGHT HALF BOARD • Includes admission to Chester Zoo & Fast-Track entry to The Islands, plus a horse drawn canal boat cruise in Llangollen SAT 20 AUG, 17 SEP, 29 OCT		

Explore more: Lake Garda, Austria, Costa Brava, Ostend, Amsterdam, Disneyland, Paris, Ireland from £199.95

USE YOUR LOFT!

Bison
Loft Ladders

Access your loft safely and easily with Bison loft stairs. A "gas" strut mechanism requiring just fingertip control makes opening and closing your loft stairs exceptionally easy.

- Fully manufactured by us in the Midlands
- Free Survey
- 'Bison' loft ladders, only available from us
- Full 4 year parts & labour guarantee
- The only product available with a safety handle in the loft
- Fitted in approx 2 hours (including making the opening larger)
- NEW:** Now available in white no painting required*
- NEW:** Now complete with "comfort" feet to protect carpets and wooden floors.

£395
Special offer for limited time
£299
(incl VAT)
Quote Ref ZZ

Safety hand rail Unique to Bison

Over 10,000 installations

NEW: Long Safety Side Handles*
at extra cost

We also fit loft flooring, lighting and roof windows.
All major credit cards accepted

the loft stairs company

The Loft Stairs Company, Unit 60, Aitcham Industrial Estate, Shrewsbury SY4 4UG
Visit our website www.theloftstairscompany.co.uk
Freephone 0800 389 1281
or mobile friendly 01743 761499

C&T DOORS & WINDOWS Ltd

SALE NOW ON
ALL AREAS COVERED...

Unglazed/Glazed Upvc Doors from £349 FULLY FITTED

3mtr x 3mtr EDWARDIAN CONSERVATORY from £4500

NEW OFFER
French/Patio Doors FULLY FITTED from £649

FULLY FITTED within 2 weeks For a service you can trust

MANY MORE DESIGNS AVAILABLE

- New Improved 10 Point Claw Lock
- Steel Reinforced

www.candtdoorsandwindows.co.uk
Tel: 07759 536818 or 01902 842706
email: enquiries@candtdoorsandwindows.co.uk

Olde Queen's Head

Carvery

EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK
Mon-Fri 12pm-3pm Sat-Sun 12-6pm

Live Entertainment Every Saturday UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT Free Function Room Available

0121 5858228
Birmingham Street, Halesowen B63 3HN

Dirty dancers having the time of their lives



Lewis Griffiths and Katie Hartland getting into shape with the rest of the cast at rehearsals for the Dirty Dancing production at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre

t's one of the biggest shows of the year.

Dirty Dancing – The Classic Story On Stage will head to Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre in November.

Since its Australian debut in 2004, it has become a worldwide phenomenon with productions staged in New Zealand, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, South Africa, Hong Kong, Singapore and throughout Europe, consistently breaking box office records.

Now a new production is making its way to the UK with performances at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from Monday, November 28 to Saturday, December 3, 2016.

We caught up with five cast members to find out about the blockbuster show.

Lewis Griffiths (Johnny Castle), Katie Hartland (Baby), Carlie Milner (Penny), Federico Bellone (director) and Gillian Bruce (choreographer) talked us through the show.

How do you go about turning Dirty Dancing into a stage version?

Gillian Bruce: There is a huge pressure! Everybody knows Dirty Dancing and what I've had to do is look at the ingredients of the movie and adapt it, in terms of styling, so that it works for the stage. Personally, I was very careful when it came to picking the cast. The look had to be right and the sexiness had to be right. I've actually

pushed this to be a little more 'dirty' than I think previous versions have been. I've taken that step further, without becoming vulgar! Choreographing the show is very difficult because it's all couple-work. At times the audience could find it difficult to know where to look as there's so much going on! I've tried hard to bring focus to the numbers and make the routines so that the audience can enjoy the entire thing and not be forced into having to pick what to look at.

This is an entirely new production – a different design with new direction and choreography. How does it differ to previous stage versions?

Federico Bellone: We have a brand new set. We took a photo of the resort that was used in the movie and theatricalised it. The new design makes the show easier to fit into a variety of different theatres around the country and it will look great on any stage, big or small, it will work! I think it's better than ever before – we have three revolves on stage, spinning platforms, it will be quite spectacular. The design is much more intricate than before too. In terms of direction, we've picked up the pace. We don't rush through the show but it's very slick.

Carlie Milner: I was in the previous production and loved it but it's also nice to have a fresh take on things. The director gives you all the information and you absorb it all as a cast and it is fun to create a new vision. I've found things that I'd never thought of to do before, and with the extra visual elements of this particular set I think it's going to be a stunning production.

Lewis, what is it like stepping into Patrick Swayze's shoes?

Lewis Griffiths: Patrick Swayze's shoes are big ones to fill, I do feel that I'm in the shadow of Patrick Swayze and rightly so, I think

anyone who does this role would be. He made Johnny completely his own and I'm not trying to be Patrick Swayze. What you have to do is take the essence of what he brought to the film and make that applicable to your own abilities on stage.

What has been the most exciting part of rehearsing Dirty Dancing?

Katie Hartland: I think for me what has been most exciting is taking the iconic film and recreating it, making it our own. It's inspiring to work with such a great team because I don't feel that I have half the dance experience that some of the cast have. Working alongside them has been great for me, developing technique with all the different dance styles in the show.

Lewis Griffiths: For me, the casting process was quite unbelievable – to think that I got through the rounds and landed the role of Johnny I felt like I was at the bottom

to people who like both genres. It has the pace and fun of a musical but it is a bit more like reality – they don't just burst into song, music, singing and dancing is only featured naturally as and when it would be in real life.

Is there a certain level of fitness that a Dirty Dancing cast member needs to be to keep up?

Carlie Milner: As any performer would tell you, it's part of the job to stay fit, and also when you're between jobs it's good to turn up to auditions with a certain level of fitness. Your body gets used to the show, I guess it's the same as running three miles a day – eventually your body will just get used it. It's then up to the individual performer to find their own exercise routines to maintain the energy needed to get you through the show. Cooling down properly is also really important!

What are the most challenging parts of the show?

Carlie Milner: It's a very physical show, sometimes it feels like you're constantly dancing and you have to find it from somewhere to make sure you do everything correctly. My character Penny goes through a trauma so finding the right balance between portraying that honestly and making sure the audience follow the story you're telling through the ups and the downs.

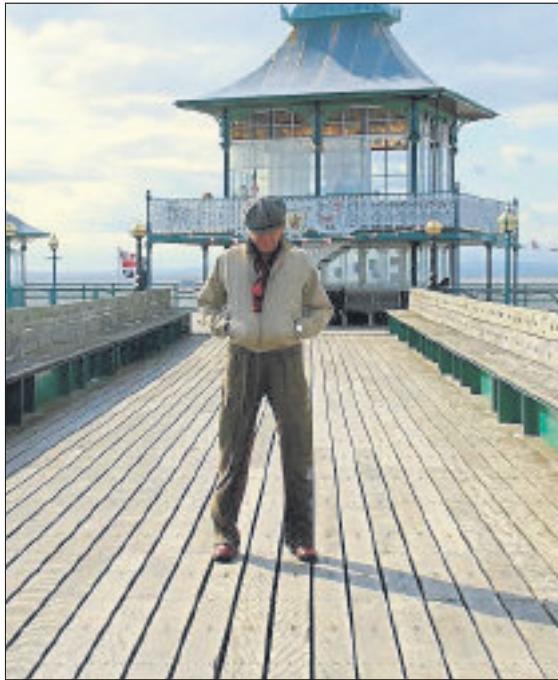
Lewis Griffiths: I consider myself an actor first and foremost, and people tell me that I can dance but I'm in my comfort zone when I'm acting. The character of Jonny is in his comfort zone when he's dancing, he's so at one in a dance studio in his Cuban heels, leading and teaching, so I have to use my strengths as an actor to make my insecurities Johnny Castle's strengths!

By Andy Richardson

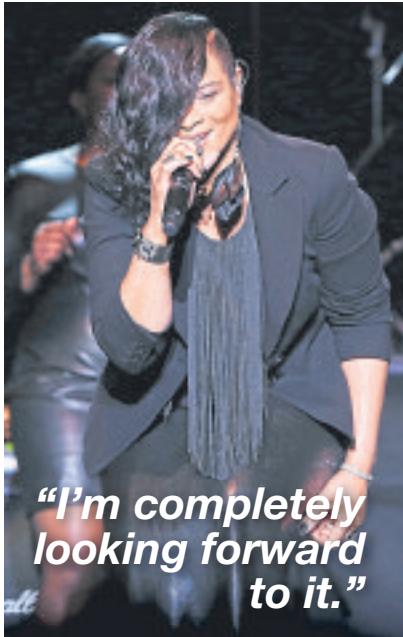


The stars stepping out at rehearsal

Hometown date for Dexys old boy



Pete Williams, once of Dexys, is back in the Black Country



"I'm completely looking forward to it."

Gabrielle's back on road and will rise to occasion

HAVING recently completed a sell-out tour as special guest to Michael Bolton, soul star Gabrielle is looking forward to being back on the road to perform a greatest hits set later this year.

Her tour will call at Birmingham's Town Hall on November 2 – and Gabrielle can't wait.

"I am completely looking forward to it," she says. "I did the tour with Michael and he was great. We got to the end of the tour and for the first time in 20-odd years I was depressed. I always look forward to going back home but I'd had such a blast that I wanted to get back out there."

"So the management lined up the shows for November and we announced them straight away. You know, I have a 21-year-old and a 13-year-old so most of the time I'm alone. They have a better social life than me."

Gabrielle's tour will be stripped back, up close and personal. Fans have already taken to Twitter to tell her what to play. "The audience on Twitter have been making suggestions of songs they'd like me to sing. It'll be a bit scary when that makes final decision."

Gabrielle's career got off to an incredible start in 1993 when she broke the record for the highest chart debut by a female with the single Dreams. It went in at two, before rising to number one. She quickly became Britain's most successful soul singer with subsequent hits Give Me A Little More Time, If You Ever, When A Woman, Sunshine and Out Of Reach, which she wrote for the film Bridget Jones' Diary.

Songwriter's new single is released

WOLVERHAMPTON'S Ivor Novello-winning songwriter Scott Matthews has released a new single, The Lantern Flower, in advance of his forthcoming album, Home Pt II.

Matthews has formed his own record company this year, Sheedio Records, based in Wolverhampton. Fans can order copies of his new album from www.pledgemusic.com

Matthews will release Home Pt II on September 19. The record finds him returning to the source, driven by what he describes as "a need to rekindle a relationship with the artist I was 10 years ago, but joining forces with the artist I am today."

Tribute to Queen a kind of magic

THE sounds of Freddie Mercury and co blast out in Bilston tomorrow night (Friday) with Magic – A Kind Of Queen.

The tribute act, led by Roger Brown, performs all the band's greatest hits at the Robin 2, Mount Pleasant. The two-hour show recreates all the excitement of a live Queen concert. It kicks off at 8.45pm, with tickets at £15, or £1 extra on the door.

The following night, two of the UK's finest Reggae bands unite to bring Bilston's very own Reggae Sunsplash as the venue plays host to a UB40 and Bob Marley tribute.

Tickets are £15, or £16 on the door. Call 01902 401211.

Auditions for Open Mic competition

AUDITIONS for Open Mic UK take place in the Second City on Saturday. Try-outs for the Open Mic Birmingham and the Birmingham Music Competition are being held at the NEC.

Future Music, responsible for discovering acts such as Birdy and Lucy Spraggan, are behind the contests.

They are looking for UK's best singer, duo, vocal group or rapper. The minimum age for Open Mic is 16 with auditions from 10am to 6pm and 18 for the Birmingham Music Competition, with auditions from 4.30-9pm. Go to: <http://www.openmicuk.co.uk/open-mic-birmingham> to enter

**Great Bar... Great Food...
Knight's Quest
Great Entertainment...**

QUALITY & SERVICE

THUR 11/08/2016
STARMAKERS KARAOKE
FRI 12/08/2016
SEAN HAVEN PLUS DISCO
SAT 13/08/2016
BON JOVI TRIBUTE
SUN 14/08/2016
STARMAKERS KARAOKE

MON 15/08/2016
BENS KARAOKE
TUES 16/08/2016
PREDATORS KARAOKE
WED 17/08/2016
TYLER JON
THUR 18/08/2016
STARMAKERS KARAOKE

DRESS CODE... Dress to Impress!

DAILY CARVERY
Only £3.45

We also serve
GREAT STEAK & GRILL DEALS

SUNDAY CARVERY
Only £4.95

"It's Great Down the Pub!"
High Street, Blackheath
Tel: 0121 561 5599
MON-THURS : 12.00-2.30PM, 6-8PM | FRI-SAT 12.00-2.30PM

Find us at www.theknightsquest.co.uk

We serve until 1am on Sundays, Midnight Monday-Wednesday, 1am Thursday, 2am Friday & Saturday DOORS CLOSE 11.00 pm Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun

The PARK LANE TAVERN

Monday HALF PRICE NIGHT
off our main menu 5pm - 8pm to include steak and grills

CARVERY SERVED ALL DAY EVERY DAY
Mon - Sat 12pm - 8pm, Sun 12 - 7pm

KIDS EAT FREE ALL DAY
EVERY DAY (with a paying adult)
DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET STYLE

Breakfast Only £4.45

HOT DRINKS AVAILABLE FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY 8.30AM - 11.00AM

PARK LANE, COLLEY GATE, B63 2NT
TELEPHONE: 01384 345824

Follow us on Facebook & Trip Advisor
We now take bookings

CHOICE



BBC1

6.00 Olympic Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Home Cooking Made Easy. (R) **12.00** BBC News: Weather. **12.10** Football Focus. **12.45** Olympics 2016. Hazel Irvine introduces coverage on day eight of the Olympic Games. Rio, featuring various rowing finals at the Lagoon Stadium, and athletics from the Olympic Stadium. **5.00** BBC News. **5.10** Regional Programme. **5.20** Olympics 2016. Hazel Irvine presents further coverage of day eight of the Olympic Games in Rio.

7.00 **Olympics 2016.** Clare Balding introduces the latest coverage on day eight of the Olympic Games, with the focus solely on the Rio Olympic Velodrome for various track cycling events. The first of the men's sprint quarter-finals takes place at 20.00, with the 9th-12th classification race at 20.18. The second round of the women's keirin gets underway at 20.22, with the second of the men's sprint quarter-finals at 20.34. The women's team pursuit final then begins at 20.53, with the Team GB squad of Laura Trott, Joanna Rowsell-Shand, Elinor Barker, Katie Archibald and Clara Horne aiming to retain their crown from London four years ago. The 7th-12th classification race in the women's keirin begins at 21.27, with the final following at 21.33, and the action is completed with the men's sprint semi-finals at 21.41 and 21.59.

10.10 BBC News: Weather. **10.30** Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the opening Premier League matches, including Hull City v Leicester City at KCOM Stadium, and Manchester City v Sunderland at Etihad Stadium. Champions Leicester will be aiming to start the new campaign in a similar fashion to last season, and were expected to record a victory over the newly-promoted Tigers; National Lottery Update.

11.55 **Olympics 2016.** Jason Mohammad presents further coverage on day eight of the Olympics, with Greg Rutherford, Jessica Ennis-Hill and Mo Farah aiming to repeat their 'Super Saturday' heroics of 2012.

4.00 Weather for the Week Ahead. **4.05** BBC News.

BBC2

6.10 Film: Two Tickets to Broadway. (1957) **7.50** Film: The 39 Steps. (1935) **9.15** Olympics: Rio Highlights 2016. Highlights of the seventh day of the Olympics. **12.45** Big Night. (R) **2.45** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.30** Gardener's World. (R) **4.00** Final Score. **5.15** Full Steam Ahead. (R)

6.15 Dad's Army. (R)

6.50 Proms Extra 2016. Katie Derham presents live from the Royal Albert Hall, where she aims to warm the audience up for tonight's performance – a Gershwin Gala featuring the John Wilson Orchestra. She also revisits recent highlights from the Proms, including Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto and Holst's Planets, while David Owen Norris returns with Chord of the Week.

7.30 BBC Proms 2016. Katie Derham presents as live from the Royal Albert Hall as conductor John Wilson and his orchestra celebrate the music of George and Ira Gershwin, the American songwriting duo created some of the most memorable songs to hit Broadway in the 20th century. Singers Julian Ovenden, Louise Dearman and Matthew Ford are on hand to accompany the John Wilson Orchestra as they perform popular Gershwin tunes such as 'See it and say it' as Stephen Mulhern challenges them to guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues. After the first elimination, the two remaining players battle to reach the Super Catchphrase round, where one of them could win £50,000.

8.00 The Nation's Favourite 80s Number One. A look at the 1980s – a defining decade in both pop and fashion. Featuring interviews with Spandau Ballet, Bonnie Tyler and Madness, plus a look at the stories behind chart classics such as 'Don't You Want Me', 'Tainted Love', 'Billie Jean' and 'Come On Eileen'. Zoa Ball narrates. (R)

9.30 The National Lottery Live. Including the Lotto and Thunderball draws. Plus, a catch-up with Team GB medal-winners at the Rio Olympics. Presented by Kate Garraway.

10.10 Olympics 2016. Clare Balding presents coverage of the eighth day of competition at the Olympic Games, with men's sprint cycling and Great Britain v USA in women's hockey taking centre stage.

11.55 Versailles; (R) Inside Versailles. **12.55** Film: The Kid with a Bike. (2011) **2.20** Film: Treacle Jr. (2010) **3.35** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Sooty. (R) **7.15** Super 4. (R) **7.30** The Wombles Go. (R) **7.45** The Magician: Rise of the Snakes. (R) **8.00** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.25** Film: Columbo: Forgotten Lady. (1975) **1.25** ITV News: Weather. **1.30** Wild Animal Reunions. (R) **2.30** Doc Martin. (R) **3.30** River Monsters. (R) **4.00** Film: The Mummy. (1999) Fantasy action adventure. **5.15** Regional Programme; Weather. **6.30** ITV News: Weather.

6.45 You've Been Framed! Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, featuring a tiny archaeologist who digs up more than anyone bargained for, and an eating competition.

7.15 Catchphrase. Amanda Tolan, Michael Molta and Charlotte Myers set out to prove they can "see it and say it" as Stephen Mulhern challenges them to guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues. After the first elimination, the two remaining players battle to reach the Super Catchphrase round, where one of them could win £50,000.

8.00 The Nation's Favourite 80s Number One. A look at the 1980s – a defining decade in both pop and fashion. Featuring interviews with Spandau Ballet, Bonnie Tyler and Madness, plus a look at the stories behind chart classics such as 'Don't You Want Me', 'Tainted Love', 'Billie Jean' and 'Come On Eileen'. Zoa Ball narrates. (R)

9.30 Film: The Bourne Identity. (2002) A fishing boat crew plucks a man out of the sea with two bullet wounds in his back and a safe-deposit number sewn into his skin – but absolutely no memory of who he is or how he got there. In the search for his true identity, he is pursued by assassins – but his skill at evading them suggests his own past is far from straightforward. Thriller, starring Matt Damon.

11.00 ITV News: Weather. **11.15** Film: The Bourne Identity. (2002) Concludes. **12.00** Jackpot247. **3.00** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 Shipping Wars. (R) **6.40** Gillette World Sport. **7.05** Army Road Races. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** The Morning Line. **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.15** Frasier. (R) **10.45** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.00** The Simpsons. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons. (R) **2.00** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Newbury, Newmarket and Ripon. **4.30** Couples Come Dine With Me. (R) **5.15** Couples Come Dine With Me. (R) **6.00** Channel 4 News.

6.20 Film: Men in Black II. (2002) Agent J investigates the unauthorised landing of a spacecraft and discovers a malevolent alien disguised as a lingerie model is on the verge of destroying humanity. His only hope of stopping her diabolical plot is to restore the memory of his retired partner K – but his former mentor takes more than a little convincing. Sci-fi comedy sequel, directed by Barry Sonnenfeld, starring Will Smith, Tommy Lee Jones, Rosario Dawson, Lara Flynn Boyle, Jada Pinkett Smith and Tony Shalhoub.

8.00 Film: Rise of the Planet of the Apes. (2011) A scientist carries out genetic experiments on apes, hoping to find a cure for Alzheimer's disease. A chimpanzee used in the tests develops superior intelligence and becomes outraged at the treatment of his kind, forming his fellow primates into an army to overthrow mankind. Sci-fi thriller, starring James Franco, Freida Pinto and Andy Serkis.

10.00 Film: Gladiator. (2000) A Roman general is forced to fight as a gladiator and uses his position to seek revenge for the murder of his family. Oscar-winning epic, with Russell Crowe and Joaquin Phoenix.

12.55 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. The Greek at the Harbour restaurant in California. (R) **1.50** Hollyoaks. Omnibus. Joe finds suspicious texts on Mercedes' phone. (R) **3.55** Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R) **4.15** Phil: Secret Agent Down Under. Ravi and Kiran Mundu search for a home in Perth, Australia. (R) **5.10** Location, Location, Location. Two couples hoping to relocate to Surrey. (R) **4.50** Divine Designs. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **8.25** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **9.00** The Saturday Show Live. **11.00** Funniest Fails & Flips. **11.25** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **12.00** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **2.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **3.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **4.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **5.10** Can't I Pay? We'll Take It Away. In East London, High Court Enforcement Agents Poul and Phil are involved in a brothel eviction, while in south Wales, Stewart and Elmore chase a debt owed by a working mum. (R) **6.55** 5 News Weekend.

7.00 Cricket on 5. England v Pakistan. Mark Nicholas presents action from the day three of the Fourth Test in the four-match series, which took place at The Oval. With commentary and analysis from Geoffrey Boycott, Michael Vaughan and Simon Hughes. **8.00** Criminally Funny: Caught in the Act. Zoey Lyons, Matt Richardson and Dave Spike introduce a selection of humorous clips capturing the law being broken, including footage of a kleptomaniac cat. Narrated by lain Lee. (R)

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship. George Riley and Lynsey Hippgrave introduce highlights from the weekend's games in the Championship, including Aston Villa v Rotherham United and Norwich City v Sheffield Wednesday.

10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush. George Riley and Lynsey Hippgrave introduce all the goals from the weekend's games in the Leagues One and Two.

10.30 Celebrity Big Brother. Marcus Bentley narrates as the famous housemates lie in their beds, chat on the sofas and argue in the kitchen – all for the enjoyment of the viewing public.

11.30 Impractical Jokers UK. The Jokers head to a shopping centre to describe their missing wife to the public and compete to claim high-fives from complete strangers on the street. (R) **12.00** SuperCasino. **3.10** Celebrity Big Brother. (R) **4.00** GPS: Behind Closed Doors. (R) **4.50** Divine Designs. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

1.00 Olympics 2016 **2.00** Britain on Film: Country Living **2.30** Sounds of the Sixties **3.00** The Joy of Disco **4.00** Close

ITV2

11.45 Ninja Warrior UK **12.45** Catchphrase **1.35** Funniest Ever You've Been Framed! **Gold 2.35** Film: The Smurfs (2011) **3.35** FYI Daily **3.40** Film: The Smurfs (2011) **4.40** The X Factor: Top 10 Best Auditions **5.45** Film: The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) **6.45** FYI Daily **6.50** Film: The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) **9.00** Film: The Matrix Revolutions (2003) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05** Film: The Matrix Revolutions (2003) **11.25** Family Guy **12.55** American Dad! **1.55** The Cleveland Show **2.45** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

12.50 Film: Carry On Up the Jungle (1970) **1.55** FYI Daily **2.00** Film: Carry On Up the Jungle (1970) **2.45** Lewis **4.45** Foyle's War **7.00** Doc Martin **8.00** Lewis **10.00** A Touch of Frost **12.05** Inspector Morse **2.10** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

11.35 British Superbike Championship Highlights **12.35** Silverstone Classic **1.40** Film: Captain Newman MD (1964) **2.40** FYI Daily **2.45** Film: Captain Newman MD (1964) **4.15** Film: Dunkirk (1958) **5.25** FYI Daily **5.30** Film: Dunkirk (1958) **7.00** Mr Bean **8.00** Film: Cannonball Run II (1984) **9.05** FYI Daily **9.10** Film: Cannonball Run II (1984) **10.15** Film: Lock Up (1989) **11.20** FYI Daily **11.25** Film: Lock Up (1989) **12.25** Film: 30 Days of Night (2007) **1.30** FYI Daily **1.35** Film: 30 Days of Night (2007) **2.40** Movies Now **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

12.00 Made in Chelsea: South of France **1.00** New Girl **1.30** The Goldbergs **3.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **4.25** Film: Step Up (2006) **6.35** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: X-Men Origins: Wolverine (2009) **11.05** Gogglebox **12.10** Rude Tube **1.20** Rude Tube **2.00** First Dates **2.20** 2 Broke Girls **3.00** Gogglebox **3.55** How I Met Your Mother **4.35** The Mindy Project **5.20** Revenge **Film4**

11.00 Bugsy Malone (1976) **1.00** Inspector Gadget (1992) **2.40** Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer (2011) **3.40** Mission: Impossible (1996) **6.40** Mission: Impossible 2 (2000) **9.00** The Sweeney (2012) **11.15** Die Hard 2 (1990) **1.35** 12 Rounds (2009) **3.50** Close

Star Reader Travel

CHRISTMAS MARKETS & FESTIVE BREAKS BY COACH

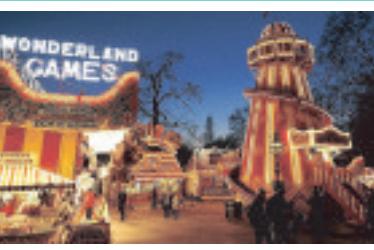
It may seem a bit odd to be thinking about the 2016 festive season, but at Omega we know our customers like to plan ahead. A pre-Christmas weekend away is an increasingly popular treat, and we have put together a series of 2-day coach breaks to a whole host of enticing destinations in late November and December.



2 days, by coach
ONLY £99 .95pp
Pre-book an evening meal for just £15pp*

*Please note: evening meal is not available on Winter Wonderland break.

For more information or to book, please call: **01902 519414**



London's Winter Wonderland

Saturday departures, 19 November and 3 & 17 December 2016

London's Hyde Park transforms this November and December into a dazzling spectacle of sparkle, with 200+ Christmas Market stalls, ice rink, ice kingdom, circuses, Big Wheel, and even a cocktail bar made of ice.

Price Includes...

- ✓ Overnight stay at a 3 or 4 star hotel within 20 miles of central London with full English breakfast
- ✓ Return transfer from hotel to Hyde Park
- ✓ Free time in London on Sunday

Quote Code: **FGH092**

View product online at www.omega-holidays.com/FGH092

Single room supplement £30pp. Subject to availability.



York St Nicholas Christmas Fayre & Castle Howard Saver

Departing Saturday 26 November 2016

Price Includes...

- ✓ Overnight stay at a 3 or 4 star Yorkshire area hotel with 3-course dinner and full English breakfast
- ✓ Visit to York St Nicholas Christmas Fayre
- ✓ Visit to Castle Howard, including admission (value £17.50)

Single room supplement £25pp. Subject to availability.

*Please note: evening meal is not available on Winter Wonderland break.

OPENING TIMES: MON-FRI 8.30-19.00
SAT 8.30-16.00 SUN 10.00-16.00

Organised by Omega Holidays plc, ABTA V4782.

f OmegaHols

@OmegaHols

Omegalols

t OmegaHols

s OmegaHols

e OmegaHols

o OmegaHols

l OmegaHols

g OmegaHols

h OmegaHols

i OmegaHols

j OmegaHols

k OmegaHols

l OmegaHols

m OmegaHols

n OmegaHols

o OmegaHols

p OmegaHols

q OmegaHols

r OmegaHols

s OmegaHols

t OmegaHols

u OmegaHols

v OmegaHols

w OmegaHols

x OmegaHols

y OmegaHols

z OmegaHols

aa OmegaHols

bb OmegaHols

cc OmegaHols

dd OmegaHols

ee OmegaHols

ff OmegaHols

gg OmegaHols

hh OmegaHols

ii OmegaHols

jj OmegaHols

kk OmegaHols

ll OmegaHols

mm OmegaHols

nn OmegaHols

oo OmegaHols

pp OmegaHols

qq OmegaHols

rr OmegaHols

ss OmegaHols

tt OmegaHols

uu OmegaHols

vv OmegaHols

ww OmegaHols

xx OmegaHols

yy OmegaHols

zz OmegaHols

aa OmegaHols

bb OmegaHols

cc OmegaHols

dd OmegaHols

ee OmegaHols

ff OmegaHols

gg OmegaHols

hh OmegaHols

ii OmegaHols

jj OmegaHols

kk OmegaHols

ll OmegaHols

mm OmegaHols

nn OmegaHols

oo OmegaHols

pp OmegaHols

qq OmegaHols

rr OmegaHols

ss OmegaHols

tt OmegaHols

uu OmegaHols

vv OmegaHols

ww OmegaHols

xx OmegaHols

yy OmegaHols

zz OmegaHols

aa OmegaHols

bb OmegaHols

cc OmegaHols

dd OmegaHols

ee OmegaHols

ff OmegaHols

gg OmegaHols

hh OmegaHols

ii OmegaHols

jj OmegaHols

kk OmegaHols

ll OmegaHols

mm OmegaHols

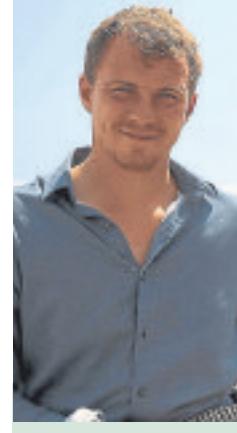
nn OmegaHols

oo OmegaHols

pp OmegaHols

</

CHOICE



Arthur Williams

Flying to the Ends of the Earth

(Channel 4, 7pm)
Arthur Williams makes a journey by air across Peru, passing through deserts, mountains and jungles. He investigates new theories concerning the origins of the Nazca lines, 2000-year-old lines etched into the desert sands that some believe were created by aliens, but may actually be a map showing the location of underground water sources. He makes a risky landing in a canyon to explore a gold mine and visits a community of floating houses designed to survive the dramatic rise and fall of the Amazon. Last in the series.

BBC1

6.00 Olympic Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. **9.00** BBC News. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. **(R) 12.45** BBC News. Weather. **1.00** **ITV News**. **2.00** **BBC News**. **2.15** **Arthur Williams** introduces action from day nine of the Olympic Games, featuring live coverage of the women's marathon at Sambodromo and boxing highlights from RioCentro. **5.00** BBC News. **5.20** Regional Programme. **5.30** Countryfile. **6.30** Film: **Olympics 2016**. Clare Balding presents the latest live coverage on day nine of the Olympic Games. The Rio Olympic Arena is the focus of attention to begin with, as three artistic gymnastics finals take place, starting with the women's vault at 18.46. The men's pommel horse final follows at 19.33, with world champion Max Whitlock and 2012 silver medalist Louis Smith representing Team GB, and the women's uneven bars final completes proceedings at 20.20. The action then moves to the Rio Olympic Velodrome for various track cycling events, starting with women's sprint time-trial qualifying at 20.30. Men's omnium scratch race follows at 20.40, with Mark Cavendish looking for the Olympic medal that has so far eluded him. The men's sprint continues with the bronze-medal and final first races at 21.04, before the women's sprint qualifying at 21.12, men's sprint bronze-medal and final second races at 21.42 and men's omnium individual pursuit at 21.50.

10.00 BBC News.**10.20** Regional Programme.

10.30 Match of the Day 2. Manish Basnet presents action from the latest Premier League matches, which were Burnley v Manchester United at Vitality Stadium and Arsenal v Liverpool at Emirates Stadium.

11.25 Olympics 2016. Clare Balding presents further live coverage on day nine, focusing on track cycling at the Rio Olympic Velodrome, with the closing stages of the men's omnium elimination race.

12.00 Olympics 2016. Jason Mohammad introduces further coverage on day nine of the Games, featuring the flagship event of the athletics schedule – the men's 100m final – as well as the men's 400m final. **3.00** Weather for the Week Ahead. **3.05** BBC News.

BBC2

6.15 Gardeners' World. **(R) 6.45** Countryfile. **7.45** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **9.15** Olympics: Rio Highlights 2016. Action from day eight of the Games in Rio. **1.00** Film: The Prisoner of Zenda. **(R) 2.00** Feature starring Stewart Granger. **2.40** Fog It! **3.25** Highjinks: Scotland's Wild Heart. **4.25** Songs of Praise. **5.00** Olympics 2016. Featuring sailing and artistic gymnastics.

6.30 Film: **Megamind**. (2010) An evil genius finally succeeds in killing the superhero who has foiled his every evil scheme, but finds life without an enemy boring. To fill the gap in his life, he transforms an ordinary man into a worthy adversary – but when his creation turns evil, it falls to the villain to save the world. Animated comedy, with the voices of Will Ferrell, Tim Fey and Brad Pitt.

8.00 Film: **Robot Wars**. Dara O Briain and Angela Scanlon present more battles in the arena. A team of engineering students has created a robot that is able to move easily in any direction, which they send into battle against a group of holiday camp staff and a father and son duo whose machine is equipped with huge piercing claws.

9.00 Film: **Dragons' Den**. Evan Davis presents the show as more entrepreneurs try to impress the panel. Peter Jones, Deborah Meaden, Toulker Souleiman, Sarah Willingham and the team cast their eyes over an innovative tool and a portable water-saving device. However, a restaurateur struggles to get across the details of his business plan.

10.00 Film: **Olympics 2016**. Clare Balding and Mark Chapman introduce the latest from day nine of the Games in Rio, including live track cycling coverage and a round-up of the day's action so far.

11.25 Film: **Mister John**. (2013) Premiere. A man coping with a failing marriage goes to Singapore and is tempted to make a fresh start by assuming his dead brother's identity. Drama, starring Aidan Gillen.

12.55 Sign Zone: Countryfile. Anita Rani reports from the Scottish island of Kerrera. **(R) 1.50** Holby City. Bernie faces an ethical dilemma when her wayward son arrives at the hospital. **(R) 2.05** This Is BBC Two. Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Pat & Stan. **(R) 6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. **(R) 6.55** Designed Stories: Share a Story. **(R) 7.00** School of Rock. **(R) 7.15** Sunray 4. **7.30** Thunderbirds Are Go. **8.00** NinjaGo: Rise of the Snakes. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** Murder, She Wrote. **(R) 10.25** Murder, She Wrote. **(R) 11.25** Film: Columbo: Now You See Him. **1.15** ITV News: Weather. **1.25** Long Lost Family. **(R) 2.25** The Chase. **(R) 3.25** Film: Peter Pan. (2003) Fantasy adventure, with Jeremy Sumpter and Rachel Hurd-Wood. **5.30** Masterpiece with Alan Titchmarsh. **(R)**

6.30 Regional Programme: Weather. **6.45** ITV News: Weather.

7.00 The Zoo. Documentary following life at London Zoo and Whipsnade, focusing on the breeding of critically endangered animals. This edition follows the journey of three Sumatran tiger cubs from the moment they are born to the last time they can be safely handled by keepers and vets, and revisits Flora the pygmy hippo as she continues to receive life-saving treatment for cancer. Plus, head of birds Adrian Walls and the team finally manage to breed their first-ever Humboldt penguin chick, which is soon joined by six more babies. Narrated by Sarah Lancashire. **(R)**

8.00 Midsummers' Murders. Forest ranger Felicity Ward is blinded by rain while light-weight driving at night in the village of Copper Hill, and the next morning her car is found abandoned at the roadside, followed closely by the discovery of her body. Visiting UFO spotters in the village are convinced aliens are responsible, but as Barnaby and Nelson try to get to the truth, they unearth suspicions, betrayals and long-buried secrets along the way. Michelle Collins, Steve Everts, Alison Steadman, Steve Oram and Pip Torrens guest star. **(R)**

10.00 ITV News: Weather.

10.15 Slow Train Through With Griff Rhys Jones. The comedian attempts to zigzag his way 1,200 miles through Kenya and Tanzania, beginning this leg of his journey on a vintage steam locomotive designed in Glasgow. **(R)**

11.15 Tipping Point. **(R)**

12.15 Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **4.40** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 London Triathlon. **7.00** Motor Sport: British GT. **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. **(R) 7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. **(R) 8.25** Frasier. **(R) 8.55** Wanda and the Alien. **(R) 9.50** Zack and Quack. **(R) 7.05** Pets. **(R) 7.10** Mulder & Scully. **(R) 7.20** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine. **(R) 7.30** Babylon 5. **(R) 7.45** Firefly. **(R) 7.50** Pip Ahoy! **(R) 8.10** Blaze and the Monster Machines. **(R) 8.35** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. **(R) 8.50** Shimmer and Shine. **9.15** Jelly Jamm. **(R) 9.30** LazyTown. **(R) 9.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **(R) 10.30** Football on 5: The Championship. **(R) 11.25** Football on 5: Goal! Bush. **(R) 12.00** Now That's Funny! **(R) 1.00** Film: WarGames. (1983) A teenager hacks into a top-secret military supercomputer, unwittingly pushing the world to the brink of nuclear war. Thriller, with Matthew Broderick, Ally Sheedy and John Wood. Edited for language and flashing images. **3.10** Film: The Time Machine. (2002) Sci-fi adventure, starring Guy Pearce. **5.00** Film: Planet of the Apes. (2001) Sci-fi adventure remake, starring Mark Wahlberg.

7.00 Cricket on 5. England v Pakistan.

Mark Nicholas presents action from day four of the Fourth Test in the four-match series, which took place at Lord's. Includes commentary and analysis from Geoffrey Boycott, Michael Vaughan and Simon Hughes.

8.00 Monkeys Make You Laugh Out Loud. Collection of utterances from monkeys doing bizarre and humorous things.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Celebrity Big Brother. A chance to catch up with the latest events inside the BB bungalow as the celebrities cope with living under constant surveillance, with all the arguments and alliances, as well as the revelations in the diary room.

10.00 Film: Pulp Fiction. (1994) A series of interlinked stories about the Los Angeles underworld.

Quentin Tarantino's crime drama, starring John Travolta, Samuel L. Jackson, Uma Thurman and Bruce Willis.

1.00 SuperCinco. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and late-night quizzes.

1.15 Walking the Himalayas. Levison Wood joins pilgrims on their way to India's holiest city. **(R) 2.30** Location, Location, Location. Two couples search for homes in Hertfordshire. **3.25** Come Dine with Me. **(R) 5.00** Draw It! **(R)**

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Toby Travelling Circus. **(R) 6.15** Angelina Ballerina. **(R) 6.30** Bob the Builder. **(R) 6.40** Wanda and the Alien. **(R) 6.50** Zack and Quack. **(R) 7.05** Pets. **(R) 7.10** Mulder & Scully. **(R) 7.20** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine. **(R) 7.30** Babylon 5. **(R) 7.45** Firefly. **(R) 7.50** Pip Ahoy! **(R) 8.10** Blaze and the Monster Machines. **(R) 8.35** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. **(R) 8.50** Shimmer and Shine. **9.15** Jelly Jamm. **(R) 9.30** LazyTown. **(R) 9.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **(R) 10.30** Football on 5: The Championship. **(R) 11.25** Football on 5: Goal! Bush. **(R) 12.00** Now That's Funny! **(R) 1.00** Film: WarGames. (1983) A teenager hacks into a top-secret military supercomputer, unwittingly pushing the world to the brink of nuclear war. Thriller, with Matthew Broderick, Ally Sheedy and John Wood. Edited for language and flashing images. **3.10** Film: The Time Machine. (2002) Sci-fi adventure, starring Guy Pearce. **5.00** Film: Planet of the Apes. (2001) Sci-fi adventure remake, starring Mark Wahlberg.

7.00 Cricket on 5. England v Pakistan.

Mark Nicholas presents action from day four of the Fourth Test in the four-match series, which took place at Lord's. Includes commentary and analysis from Geoffrey Boycott, Michael Vaughan and Simon Hughes.

8.00 Monkeys Make You Laugh Out Loud. Collection of utterances from monkeys doing bizarre and humorous things.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Celebrity Big Brother. A chance to catch up with the latest events inside the BB bungalow as the celebrities cope with living under constant surveillance, with all the arguments and alliances, as well as the revelations in the diary room.

10.00 Film: Pulp Fiction. (1994) A series of interlinked stories about the Los Angeles underworld.

Quentin Tarantino's crime drama, starring John Travolta, Samuel L. Jackson, Uma Thurman and Bruce Willis.

1.00 SuperCinco. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and late-night quizzes.

1.15 Walking the Himalayas. Levison Wood joins pilgrims on their way to India's holiest city. **(R) 2.30** Location, Location, Location. Two couples search for homes in Hertfordshire. **3.25** Come Dine with Me. **(R) 5.00** Draw It! **(R)**

DIGITAL

BBC Four

1.00 Olympics 2016. **2.00** Britain on Film: End of Empire. **2.30** Sounds of the Sixties. **3.00** The Pendle Witch Child. **4.00** Close ITV2

11.45 The X Factor: Top 10 Best Auditions. **12.45** Take Me Out. **1.55** Film: Mr Bean's Holiday. (2007) **2.25** FYI Daily.

3.40 Film: Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) **3.40** X Factor: Top 10 Worst Auditions. **4.45** Film: The Smurfs 2 (2013) **5.50** FYI Daily. **5.55** Film: The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (2013) **7.55** FYI Daily.

8.00 Film: The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (2013) **8.00** Film: The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (2013) **10.00** Family Guy. (2011) **13.00** American Dad! **12.30** Borderline. **12.55** The Cleveland Show **1.50** Totally Bonkers. **Guinness World Records 2.15** TeleShopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

12.20 A Touch of Frost. **2.25** Wycliffe

3.40 FYI Daily. **4.45** Film: The Railway Children. **5.00** Film: The Railway Children. **5.55** Film: Moon. **6.00** Royal Stories. **9.00** Million Dollar Princesses. **10.00** Film: Elizabeth: The Golden Age. (2007) **11.00** FYI Daily.

12.20 Wire in the Blood. **3.05** May the Best House Win. **4.50** Rising Damp. **5.40** ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4

11.00 Live British Touring Car Championship. Round seven from Knockhill. **1.15** BRDC Formula 3

Championship Highlights. **7.15** Football Rivalries. **7.30** Pawn Stars. **8.00** The Chase: Celebrity Special. **9.00** Film: The Deer Hunter. (1978) **10.05** FYI Daily.

10.10 Film: The Deer Hunter. (1978) **12.40** Film: Mars Attacks! (1996) **1.40** FYI Daily. **2.55** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

12.00 Coach Trip: Road to Ibiza. **2.35** The Goldbergs. **4.30** Film: Journey to the Center of the Earth. (2008) **6.30** The Big Bang Theory. **8.00** Film: Aliens. (1986)

12.05 Tattoo Fixers on Holiday. **1.10** Gogglebox. **2.00** Containment. **2.50** Angie Tribeca. **3.10** New Girl. **3.30** Hollyoaks

Film4

11.00 Porridge. (1979) **1.00** Rango. (2011) **3.10** The House of Magic. (2003)

4.50 Mirror Mirror. (2012) **6.55** The Tourist. (2010) **9.00** This Is England. (2006) **11.05** Savages. (2012) **1.40** The Enigma of Kaspar Hauser. (1974) **3.55** Close

YOU CAN BUY THESE SUITES NOW IN OUR STORE!



Just £399

Just £599

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

ITALIAN LEATHER SUITES £299 EACH

SOFT COVER SUITES £150 TO £350

3 SEATER 2 SEATER RECLINER SETS £375

PLENTY OF ODDMENT SOFAS

VERY CHEAP TO CLEAR

TRADE FURNITURE

UNIT 12 PEARTREE LANE, DUDLEY, DY2 0QU
TEL: 01384 484077
OPEN 6 DAYS A WEEK 10-3PM
ESTABLISHED OVER 25 YEARS

Pear Tree Lane Dudley DY2 0QU
Unit 12 Peartree Lane Dudley DY2 0QU
Tel: 01384 484077
Open 6 days a week 10-3pm
Established over 25 years

AtoZ ref 94 3C

Pear Tree Lane Dudley DY2 0QU
Unit 12 Peartree Lane Dudley DY2 0QU
Tel: 01384 484077
Open 6 days a week 10-3pm
Established over 25 years

DUDLEY STORE
PEARTREE LANE
PEDMORE RD.
MERRY HILL CENTRE

BORSHCH Gas & Electrical Superstore

OTHER BRANCHES IN

Birmingham Upper Trinity Street Birmingham B9 4EG 0121 773 6361

Walsall Unit 17-19 Victorian Arcade W51 IRE 01922 279927

Erdington 1-41 Sutton Road Erdington B23 6OH 0121 448 0202

Extended guarantee available • At least 12 months guarantee • Local delivery & installation • Sirius Retailer of the Year 2012

FREE DELIVERY OVER £150 WITH THIS VOUCHER

Expires 21st August 2016

Monday - Saturday 9.30am - 6.00pm
Sunday 10am - 4pm

Dudley Pear Tree Lane Dudley DY2 0QU 01384 571 879

www.borschchelectric.co.uk



THURSDAY
Survive the Serengeti: Against the Wild 2, Channel 5, 3.15pm
When their plane crash-lands in the African bush, two bickering siblings find themselves forced to rely on their wits – and their courageous dog – to help them conquer their fears and survive. Adventure, starring Jari Ryan, John Paul Ruttan and Elia Ballentine. (2016)

FRIDAY
Burke & Hare, BBC2, 11.10pm
Two Irishmen in 19th-century Edinburgh have to dispose of a dead lodger, and learn a doctor pays well for cadavers to use in his anatomy lectures. Seeing a chance to get rich, they soon progress from grave robbing to murder in a bid to keep their benefactor in fresh corpses. Comedy horror, starring Simon Pegg, Andy Serkis and Jessica Hynes. (2010)

Famous faces put their knowledge to the test

In 2004, Channel 4 brought together a number of British celebs for the first ever Big Fat Quiz. The show featured comic Jimmy Carr as host and three teams made of two panelists each.

Carr asked the teams questions pertaining to events that had happened that past year.

The show was a massive success, which ensured that it would soon be yearly thing.

Over the years, though, the programme has reached levels of both legend and infamy.

In 2006, during its heyday as the enfant terrible of British comedy, Russell Brand teamed up with The Mighty Boosh's Noel Fielding.

The two oddballs called themselves The Goth Detectives and began the tradition of purposely writing surreal and ridiculous answers in an effort to amuse the audience as opposed to trying to win the game.

This even led to the pair eventually performing a Goth Detectives-themed show for the Teenage Cancer Trust event at the Royal Albert Hall in 2007.

This tongue-in-cheek spirit has continued throughout the years and not only led to funny moments, but also a bit of controversy.

Back in 2012, James Corden made headlines when he and his League of Their Own pal Jack Whitehall got slightly inebriated on the programme, and even had pizza delivered, washing it down with red wine.

At one point, it seemed the two drunk comics were hellbent on making the most randy and puerile joke imaginable.

In addition to the annual year-end shows, Channel Four has also produced some specials.

Timed to coincide with the run-up to the broadcaster's 30th-birthday celebrations in 2012, three episodes were broadcast, each focusing on an entire decade: the 1980s, 1990s and 2000s.

In the past few years, the show has been calmed down somewhat, which might explain why they brought on a rampaging dinosaur and Let The Great British Baking Show co-host Mel Giedroyc spark a

food fight during last year's The Big Fat Quiz of Everything.

Still, the show is a winner and for an hour and a half provides us viewers with a large slice of escapism and madness.

The fact that it probably takes two to three times as long to shoot and the comics go stir-crazy after being held for hours in the same studio perhaps contributes to this.

This evening, in the first of three editions, Carr once again is the host in charge of three teams who answer questions about everything from the last 100,000 years of human history.

Although to keep things slightly more manageable, the quiz is split into categories such as art, literature, television, music, geography, politics, science and celebrity.

Tonight's teams time are Jonathan Ross and Mel Giedroyc, Kristen Schaal and David Mitchell, and Bob Mortimer and Claudia Winkleman.

Viewers can also expect a few special guests, including Jon Snow and Joey Essex as well as some other unexpected visitors.



The Big Fat Quiz of Everything, Monday, Channel 4, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
Wild France with Ray Mears
ITV, 8pm

Ray travels to the west of Brittany to explore the rugged coastline and heading out by boat to its nearby islands. On his journey, he has a close encounter with bottlenose dolphins when they swim up to the vessel and also visits a seal colony and meets seaweed fishermen before heading back to shore. By the rocks, he discovers peregrines that have built their nest dangerously close to land, while Ray heads down to the beach to look for shellfish with a local expert and learns about Brittany's high tides. Last in the series.

Kate Humble: My Sheepdog and Me
BBC2, 9pm

The broadcaster sets out to breed Welsh sheepdog puppies from her beloved pet Teg, learns about the threat facing British herding dogs and tries to train Teg to work in the traditional Welsh way. Along the way, Kate meets a team at the University of Aberystwyth whose groundbreaking DNA research reveals some remarkable facts about the breed, and if Teg can produce a litter of healthy puppies, it would play a big part in helping one of Britain's unique herding dogs survive for generations to come.

TUESDAY
Heroes of Helmand: The British Army's Great Escape
Channel 4, 9pm

Documentary revealing how a company of British soldiers fought under siege in 2006 for more than 50 days in a remote Afghanistan town. Trapped in a small compound, outnumbered, outgunned, and at the mercy of the Taliban, the fight to hold Musa Quala became one of the most important last stands in UK history – a quarter of all the ammunition used by the British Army in Helmand for the whole of 2006 was fired in less than two months. Ex-soldiers tell their story and share the footage they captured.

WEDNESDAY
Olympics 2016
BBC1, 1.45pm

Hazel Irvine presents the latest live coverage on day 12 of the Games in Rio. Defending champion Mo Farah features in the men's 5,000m heats at the Olympic Stadium from 14.05, looking to

make it through to yet another major final, before the decathlon long jump at 14.35, the women's 800m heats at 14.55, the men's steeplechase final at 15.50 and the decathlon shot put from 16.15. The athletics action is interspersed with coverage from the National Equestrian Centre, where the team show jumping final takes place, with Great Britain looking to defend their title.

THURSDAY
Celeb Trolls: We're Coming to Get You
Channel 5, 10pm

Since finding fame as one of the Saturdays, singer Frankie Bridge has been on the receiving end of hurtful online harassment. Now, she's meeting some of the other people who have also fallen victim to trolls, including Chris Maloney, who received death threats following his appearances on The X Factor, and Nicola Brookes, who

has spent five years dealing with appalling images and allegations, all because of one tame online comment. Perhaps most shockingly of all, Denise Fergus, the mother of murdered toddler James Bulger, reveal how cruel individuals regularly taunt her about her family's loss. However, Frankie is fighting back with the help of a team of Troll Trackers, who hope to identify some of the people behind this anonymous abuse and hold them accountable for their actions.

FRIDAY
Amazing Spaces Shed of the Year
Channel 4, 8pm

This year's competition has featured everything from a Star Wars theme, real-life crocodiles, hydraulics and Viking hideouts, to 360-degree rotating floors, nuclear bunkers, sheds on wheels and entire shed villages. There was a record 2,825 entries into the competition and tonight sees the conclusion, as George Clarke and his fellow judges choose one shed from all the category winners to crown overall winner. But before that, they consider the sheds in the Budget category. To prove a good shed doesn't have to be extravagant or expensive, this selection includes a colourful beach house built for just £20, and the Cabins and Summerhouses which features a classic van and a dream structure in an allotment.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AT BENJAMINS BANQUETING SUITES

9th September C-JAM 14th October MAD SAI BLUES 11th November The Coopers

Birmingham Street, Halesowen • 0121 602 0202 • www.benjaminsbanquet.co.uk

Halesowen Fireplaces
AT THE HEART OF YOUR HOME
Complete Fireplace Packages from £499 (including fire)



For a range of Gas and Electric Fires and Surrounds visit our showroom (opposite Tyre City on Long Lane)

Telephone 0121 559 9985

Unit 14, Long Lane Trading Estate, Long Lane, Halesowen B62 9LD
www.halesowenfireplaces.co.uk

Midland UPVC Windows and Doors Ltd Buy British

SAVE MONEY ON YOUR FUEL BILLS WITH OUR ENERGY RATED WINDOWS AUGUST SALE UPVC SALE 6 FLAT RATED WINDOWS ANY SIZE £1599.00 fitted
Buy Direct from your local manufacturer FANTASTIC NEW UPVC DOOR RANGE SPECIAL OFFER PVC DOOR from £385 fitted BEDFORD COMPOSITE DOOR
Guaranteed to beat any genuine written quote

ALL AREAS COVERED 01384 234170 / 01384 429152 VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.MIDLANDUPVC.CO.UK midlandupvc@live.co.uk OFFICE HOURS MONDAY TO FRIDAY 9AM TO 5PM

Huge Savings
on all Blinds this Summer

All blinds come in a variety of colours and fabrics. Roller blinds and Venetian blinds also available

FREE MEASURING & FITTING
12 Months Guarantee | Terms & conditions apply

Vertical Blinds 3 for £79 Up to 72" x 72"	Roller Blinds 3 for £119 60" x 60"	3 Black-out Vertical Blinds £130 60'' x 60'' Available in 7 colours	Full Conservatory Blinds Fitted £189 Vertical Only	3 Black-out Roller Blinds £160 60" x 60"

Call NOW for details telephone: 01902 544 713

or Email your measurements to sales@blindsdirect.co

Any Carpet
ANYWHERE

MASSIVE CARPET AND VINYL CLEARANCE
Roll Ends Reduced To Clear!

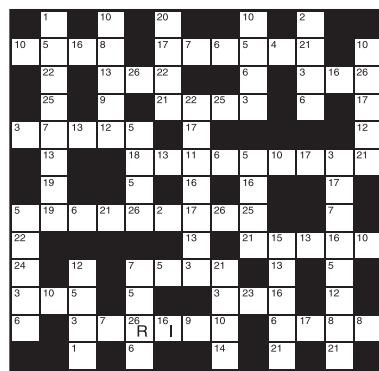
- Free Quotes •Free Local Delivery
- Free Measuring
- Fitting Service Available

129 Coombs Road, Halesowen Call: 0121 561 4607

BRAIN GYM No.390

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
O	M	U	D	Z	S	N	C	V	H	L	G	F
J	E	R	A	B	K	Q	X	P	W	Y	I	T
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
R	I	I										

Quiz

- Who won Oscars for Klute and Coming Home?
- In which mountains are St Bernards employed?
- Which plant's leaves are the common antidote to nettle stings?
- Which TV programme did Roy Castle present for 22 years?
- The 38th parallel became a boundary within which country in 1945?
- Of which organisation did Ros Hepplewhite resign as head in 1994?
- Which brothers based an opera on a novel by DuBois Heyward?
- What type of fish is a torpedo fish?
- Which Carry On star played Peggy in EastEnders?
- Which temperature scale starts at absolute zero?

Last week's solutions:

- Quiz: 1 Pocahontas; 2 A goat; 3 Mercury and Venus; 4 Lindsay Anderson; 5 Phosphorus; 6 Orkneys; 7 Just William; 8 Homer; 9 Japan; 10 Conservative.
- Niner: CALMUNIES

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

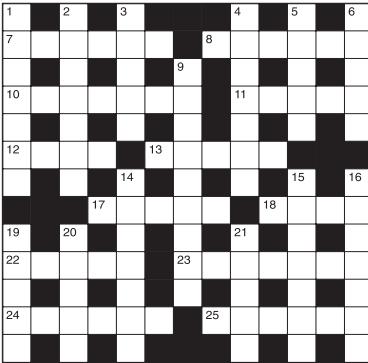
Cryptic Clues:

Across

- The standard put in front of an invader (6)
- Father interrupts the others in a good meal (6)
- Carter dead in the conflict (7)
- The sum is a little rum to nearly everybody (5)
- Deer took cover round the north (4)
- Instrument could make one a profit (10)
- See 13 Across
- See 6 Down
- See 1 Down
- It's a struggle for a hundred on trial (7)
- See 21 Down
- She's out of breath! (6)

Down

- Nothing rising strangely from these sources (7)
- It bristles with artistic associations (5-5)
- See 16 Down
- See 20 Down
- Deadlock on the board (9)
- It's a crime to break the cease-fire (9)
- Have police band on the ship (7)
- The colour to get a man upset (7)
- Does this provide middling warmth? (7,7)
- See 3 Down
- Accessories for roles not yet cast? (5,5)
- It's a struggle for a hundred on trial (7)
- See 21 Down
- She's out of breath! (6)



Quick Clues:

Across

- Share (6)
- Contention (6)
- Enterprise (7)
- Knave (5)
- Profound (4)
- Nip (5)
- Lukewarm (5)
- Dumb (4)
- Begin (5)
- Miser (7)
- Go (6)
- Hold back (6)

Down

- Supply (7)
- Dwarfed (7)
- Sham (5)
- Allure (7)
- Tint (5)
- Drive off (5)
- Lacking (9)
- Discourse (7)
- Deserter (7)
- Title (7)
- Privately (5)
- Glad (5)
- Concur (5)

Sudoku

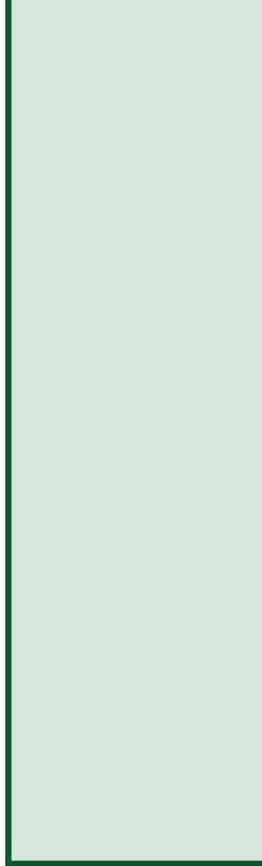


Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >
1 5 6 9 7 8 3 2 4
9 2 4 5 1 3 6 8 7
8 3 7 4 6 2 5 9 1
6 7 1 3 5 9 8 4 2
2 8 9 6 7 1 4 3 5
4 1 5 8 3 7 6 9 0
4 9 3 1 8 5 2 1 6
5 6 2 1 3 4 9 7 8
7 1 8 2 9 6 4 5 3

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Craft; 4 Stumble; 8 Nunney; 9 Icing; 10 Owls; 11 Underdog; 13 Mass; 14 User; 16 Outright; 17 Taxi; 20 India; 21 Ovation; 22 Targets; 23 Easel. Down: 1 Contortionist; 2 Annul; 3 Tier; 4 Saying; 5 Universe; 6 Builder; 7 Engaged signal; 12 Estimate; 13 Matador; 15 Shoots; 18 Adits; 19 Wage; 20 Tally; 21 Relate; 24 Disperse; 8 Rump; 9 Minic; 10 Kestrel; 11 Reversal; 13 Turn; 14 Thru; 16 Laudable; 17 Maze; 20 Playing; 21 Elevate; 22 Extreme; 23 Dress. Down: 1 Foreknowledge; 2 Lucre; 3 Naif; 4 Danced; 5 Symmetry; 6 Immense; 7 Secretiveness; 12 Entangle; 13 Tourist; 15 Allegie; 18 Awake; 19 Mend.

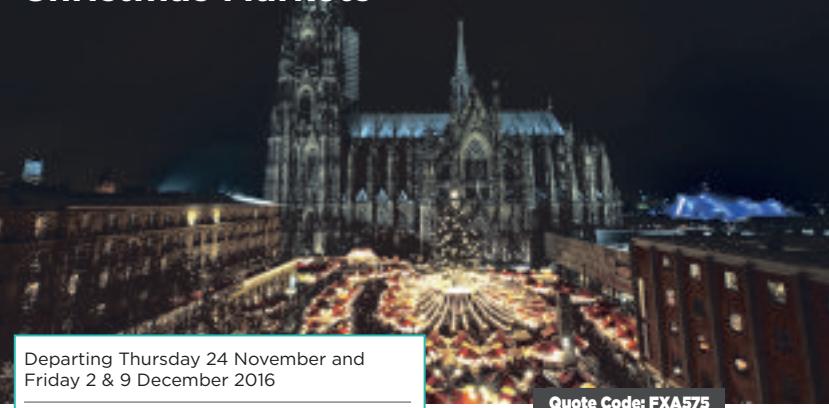
Thinking space



Star Reader Travel

Fly from Birmingham airport

COLOGNE & VALKENBURG Christmas Markets



Departing Thursday 24 November and Friday 2 & 9 December 2016

Fly through your Christmas shopping with this special Omega break to the six markets of Cologne and the famous underground markets of Valkenburg, with flights, transfers, 3 star hotel with breakfast and free time in Amsterdam.

Price Includes...

- Return flight from Birmingham airport to Amsterdam Schiphol*
- Airport taxes and return transfer from the airport to your hotel
- 2 nights at the 3 star Best Western Leverkusen Hotel, Germany
- Dinner on first evening and breakfast on both mornings
- Visits to the Cologne and Valkenburg Christmas Markets
- Free time in Amsterdam with optional Amsterdam canal cruise

For more information or to book, please call:

01902 519414

Your Chronicle
in association with
Omega
ABTA HOLIDAYS

Quote Code: FXA575

3 days, by AIR from
£379 pp

The advertised price is correct as of 2 August 2016 and is based upon departure from Birmingham airport on 24 November 2016.

View product online at
www.omega-holidays.com/FXA575

Organised by Omega Holidays plc, ABTA V4782, ATOL Protected 6081. Single supplements apply. Subject to availability. *We have included the current flight price within the above package price. Should the cost of flights change the package price may vary. The final price will be confirmed to you at time of booking.



LANDSCAPING YOUR GARDEN?

We have the largest range of patio paving in the Midlands...
From circle features to natural paving
Textured paving • Cobble paving • Riven paving • We've got the lot!



Torrington Artificial Turf
£12.85 per sq. mtr.

MASSIVE SELECTION of artificial turf
NO WEEDING, NO MOWING, NO FERTILISING, MAINTENANCE FREE, EASY TO PUT DOWN
JUST BEAUTIFUL GREEN GARDEN ALL YEAR ROUND

Tumble Paving Block
from £17.95 per sq. mtr. 3 sizes

St Meloir Fencing
from £39.76



Natural Stone Paving
from £18.99 sq mt

The largest range of patio paving in the Midlands Manufactured or Natural, it is all stocked at
BILLINGHAMS Cradley Road, Dudley DY2 9RH

Tel: 01384 566437

VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.BILLINGHAMS.COM

BILLINGHAMS
Landscape and
Building Supplies



The bungalows at Skegness Water Leisure Park



Try out one of the well-equipped pods



An overview of Skegness Water Leisure Park and its fishing lake



Relax and enjoy a spot of fishing

Forget football! You're on a winner at last with old favourite of mine

MANY a happy family holiday when I was a child was spent at Skegness. I never ventured back until I had children of my own – and the Lincolnshire coast is now firmly back in my affections.

There has been a bit of a theme running through my last three visits – England playing in major football tournaments. And we all know how that ends!

So, you're better off skipping any major sporting competition with home representation and just getting away from it. After all, that is what holidays are all about.

Home of the first ever Butlin's, Skegness, is, as the old poster campaign would have you believe, so bracing. It took a nightmare journey to find that was not necessarily so.

Mark Shipp checks in

Torrential rain had left the roads awash with floods and heavy traffic, and Elton John fans on the road to a concert led to further delays. That washed over the first day of our weekend, but we more than made up for it with summer weather the next day.

Our destination was Skegness Water Leisure Park, apt given the conditions we drove there in. That's the Leisure Park at Skegness Water, by the way, for those expecting a host of pool-based activities.

There is a well-stocked lake for the keen anglers though – together with a tackle shop. With Skegness Airfield running alongside the site, helicopter rides are available at certain times, while rail enthusiasts can take a ride on the Lincolnshire Coast Light Railway.

Skegness Water Leisure Park welcomes guests with caravans and tourers. Camping pods are accommodating, though, and very popular, sleeping either four or six, and coming with an outside wooden decking area, picnic bench and barbecue stand.

Seafood

Each pod is a fully insulated wooden structure with solid roof and lockable double-glazed French doors and windows. Electricity and heating is provided, while dogs are welcome in the four-berth pods.

As the site is family-orientated, large parties of three or more couples, mixed groups or single sex groups of three or more will not be accepted.

We stayed in one of the three holiday bungalows, which can sleep up to five people. These are let on a weekly basis from Saturday to Saturday during the main sea-

son, but short breaks are available out of season. Prices range from £335 to £550.

We ventured into town to enjoy the sun on our first day. And it wasn't bracing at all as we took to the beach, had a pub meal and tried out one of Skegness's myriad of crazy golf courses.

But there's more to the town than just hitting a ball into a little hole with an obstacle in the way. More to my taste were the little huts selling seafood.

Back on-site there's a family pub, the Barn Inn, providing live entertainment, free wi-fi and sports channels, though I have recommended switching off from all that. Plus, there is a general store, play area, amusement centre and salon.

The site is open until November 20. Call 01754 899400 or email enquiries@skegnesswaterleisurepark.co.uk

Massive Complex Refurb with Indoor Pool & Splash Area, Soft Play, Games Room, Adventure Playground, Shop, Restaurant and Bar.

Also on Park is a Boat Park, Own Beach and it's Open 11 Months



**Sunbeach Holiday Park, Llwyngwrl,
Gwynedd, Wales, LL37 2QQ**

t: 01341 250263 / e: sunbeam@allenscaravans.com

www.AllensCaravans.com

PROPERTY



Charming and traditional semi-detached property

A charming and traditional semi-detached house in Upper Meadow Road, Quinton, is in a most desirable location.

Ideal for first time buyers, it is for sale through Robert Oulsnam at £154,950.

Having easy access to Junction 3 of the M5 and to the Hagley Road, it is also close to a variety of local amenities such as Ridgacre

QUINTON
£154,950

House Surgery, Worlds End Infant and Nursery School can both be accessed within 0.5 miles of the property. Asda supermarket, Tesco supermarket, Starbucks and the Reel Cinema are all located within 1.3 miles of the property.

This well-presented semi has a bay fronted through lounge with sliding patio doors opening to the rear garden, two double bedrooms with an additional nursery/study space.

There is a well-appointed first floor bathroom, a useful side access and utility space and beautiful mature gardens.

Contact Robert Oulsnam on 0121 429 9986 or visit www.oulsnam.net

HERITAGE BUILDERS MERCHANTS LTD



Tel: 01384 412745

Lower High Street, Cradley Heath, West Midlands. B64 5AJ

PLASTERBOARD.

8 x 4 sheet
6 x 3 sheer
Multi finish
Scrim tape
Beads

TIMBER

7 x 2
6 x 2
CLS 4x2 (3m)
CLS 3x2 (3m)

AGGREGATES

Bulk bag building sand
Bulk bag sharp sand
Bulk bag ballast
Bulk bag Hardcore
Concrete Blocks

THIS WEEK ONLY

BULK BAG TOP QUALITY
SCREEDED TOPSOIL £28.00
6x6 fence panels fr £16.00

**Thermal
Blocks in
Stock**

"Pop down to
see us or call
for prices"

**THIS WEEK
ONLY !
CEMENT
JUST £2.70
PER BAG !**



Stockists of fencing, gravel boards, decking, sand, hardcore, cement, blocks, timber, plasterboard, golden gravel chippings, topsoil, blue/plum slate, shingle...

Hicks Hadley

hickshadley.com
0121 585 6667

Halesowen Office Lettings & Property Management



NEW
HALESOWEN, Summerfields Avenue £825 pcm+fees

A superb 3 bedroom refurbished semi-detached house

comprising of: entrance hall, 2 reception rooms, beautiful

kitchen, 2 double & 1 single bedrooms, house bathroom

with separate shower, rear garden & driveway for 1 car and a

garage, this family home is situated in a very popular location

and offers a very long rental opportunity. EPC: D



AMBLECOTE, High Street £775 pcm+fees

A fantastic opportunity to rent a home on a new development.

Crysta Gardens. This home features a spacious lounge/dining area, well

appointed kitchen, downstairs WC, on the 1st floor has 2 bedrooms & a

family bathroom & on the 2nd floor there is a master bedroom with a large

en-suite. 2 allocated parking spaces, front & rear gardens. This property

will not be available for long. Minimum contract 12 months. EPC: B



HALESOWEN, Wassell Road £675 pcm+fees

A large unfurnished semi-detached house in central

Halesowen which features: entrance porch, rear garden, 3

good size bedrooms, large bathroom with shower over bath,

garage & driveway. Also benefiting from gas central heating

and double glazing. EPC: D



LET
BIRMINGHAM, Wistman's Lane £825 pcm+fees

Tastefully presented and well proportioned studio apartment set in

the prestigious Watermarque development. This newly decorated

4th floor property is fully furnished and comprises: Living room/

bedroom with wardrobe space, kitchen with appliances, large

bathroom with shower, 24 hour concierge service, 2 lifts, gym,

and not far from the NIA, ICC and Symphony Hall. EPC: TBC



LET
HALESOWEN, Hagley Road £595 pcm+fees

A superb 2 bedroom flat in central Halesowen has recently

been fully refurbished to a high standard and must

be seen to be appreciated. Private secure entrance with alarm,

large lounge, stunning kitchen/dining area with appliances,

utility room/downstairs w.c. 2 bedrooms, shower room, rear

courtyard. EPC: TBC



LET
HALESOWEN, Hult Road £575 pcm+fees

Minutes away from Bowley Regis Train Station and just off

the M5 J2 and Blackheath Town Centre. A nicely presented

refurbished mid terraced home. Featuring 2 double bedrooms &

1 single bedroom, 2 spacious reception rooms, fitted kitchen with

oven/hob, downstairs bathroom with shower, double glazing, gas

central heating, small rear garden, on road parking. EPC: D



HALESOWEN, Beaumont Road £575 pcm+fees

Locally located in Blackheath for local amenities, train station close by and

MS. The large 2 double bedroom and terraced house features 2 reception

rooms, 2 double bedrooms, 2 single bedrooms, 2 allocated parking spaces, modern

kitchen, utility room with washing machine, 2 double bedrooms, upstairs

bathroom, court yard rear garden, on road parking and off road parking

available for 1 car plus garage (accessed from Clifton Road). EPC: TBC



HALESOWEN, Bethesda Gardens £550 pcm+fees

Located on this new build estate is this modern ground

floor apartment. It is a modern 2 bedroomed corner com-

partment featuring a large open plan living/dining area with

modern kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, modern bathroom with shower, fitted kitchen with white goods, open

plan spacious lounge, gas central heating, double glazing, allocated parking.

A must view property. EPC: C



WORDSLEY, Wordsley Court £550 pcm+fees

1st floor fully refurbished large apartment within walking

distance of Wordsley Green & King George V Park. Featuring

lovely lounge, 2 generous size double bedrooms, fitted

kitchen, shower room, secure parking to rear of property.

EPC: C



HALESOWEN, Hammersley Close £535 pcm+fees

Located in a nice quiet cul-de-sac on the Homer Hill Estate. Just

down the road from Colley Lane Primary School and buses to

Halesowen and Cradley Heath. This unfurnished modern terraced

house features 2 bedrooms, fitted kitchen, spacious lounge,

bathroom with shower, gas central heating, double glazing, driveway

for 2 cars, rear garden. Viewing highly recommended. EPC: C



CRADLEY HEATH, Delingpole Walk £525 pcm+fees

An unfurnished mid mews house, in a well sought after

location, briefly comprising of: gas central heating, living

room, fitted kitchen, downstairs WC, 2 double bedrooms,

bathroom with shower, rear garden, 2 allocated parking

spaces. EPC: B



CRADLEY HEATH, Elbow Street £485 pcm+fees

This lovely and well kept unfurnished 2nd floor flat briefly

features 2 bedrooms, electric storage heating, spacious living

room, fitted kitchen with some appliances, bathroom with

shower, allocated parking space, close to local shops and Old

Hill Train Station. EPC: C



HALESOWEN, Brett Young Close £475 pcm+fees

Situated within a few minutes walk of Halesowen Town Centre and

local bus station for buses into Birmingham City Centre.

This well presented 1 double bedroom ground floor apartment

features a fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, house

bathroom with shower, cosy lounge, double glazing, gas

central heating and 1 allocated parking space. EPC: B



ROWLEY REGIS, Alwin Road £450 pcm+fees

A 1 bedroom ground floor flat being double glazed with

electric heating. The accommodation, which has been

refurbished briefly comprises a reception hall, lounge,

kitchen, 1 bedroom, bathroom, communal gardens and

parking. Not to be missed! EPC: B



CRADLEY HEATH, King Street £440 pcm+fees

Located in the heart of Old Hill. Ideally situated for local

shops, buses and Old Hill Train Station and local shops. Features

this unfurnished 1st floor modern apartment which comprises of 1 double bedroom, fitted

kitchen with a small fridge, spacious lounge, double

glazing, electric storage heating, bathroom with shower.

allocated parking space. EPC: C



KIDDERMINSTER, Bewdley Road £425 pcm+fees

A fully re-furbished 1st floor flat close to town centre &

hospital comprising of: Large living room, large double

bedroom, fitted kitchen with oven/hob, bathroom with

shower, gas central heating, double glazing, small private

garden. Available mid August. EPC: TBC



STOURBRIDGE, Bagley Street £425 pcm+fees

COMING SOON!! 4 fully refurbished apartments (2 - ground

floor & 2 - 1st floor) within a stones throw of Stourbridge

town centre. The apartments feature an open plan lounge,

fitted kitchen, shower room, 1 double bedroom & private rear

parking. Not to be missed! EPC: TBC



CRADLEY HEATH, Great Western Drive £425 pcm+fees

Unfurnished ground floor flat close to Cradley Heath, Old

Hill Train Station and local shops. Featuring in this lovely

apartment is gas central heating, living room, fitted kitchen,

double bedroom, shower room, communal garden &

allocated parking space. EPC: D



NETHERTON, St Georges Road £395 pcm+fees

Beautiful refurbishment in a quiet location. This 1st floor

apartment features electric storage heating, living room,

brand new kitchen, 1 very large double bedroom, modern

house bathroom with shower, rear garden, parking space.

Viewing recommended to appreciate this nicely proportioned

flat. EPC: D



LYE, High Street £325 pcm+fees

Located in the centre of Lye at Lye Cross. This 2nd floor

flat above shops features a large lounge, kitchen, 1

double bedroom, bathroom with shower, and is available

immediately. EPC: TBC



LYE, High Street £285 pcm+fees

A 1st floor studio apartment in the centre of Lye Town, also

close for Lye Train Station. Features a combined lounge/

bedroom, fitted kitchen with electric cooker, shower room,

electric heater, shared laundry room, parking at rear, private

communal area with seating. EPC: TBC

Local Specialists



Builders

All Trades of Halesowen

PROPERTY REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

- Roofing • Fencing • Plumbing • Electrical
- Brickwork • UPVC • Guttering • Fascias
- Gardening • Decorating • Plastering • Skylights

FREE 24hr Call Out
Established since 1984
20% DISCOUNT FOR OAP'S
0121 602 5601
0759 007 6739

D H Household Maintenance

All building maintenance and DIY work undertaken
All areas covered
0121 422 8594
07985 548466

Local Specialists



Fencing

LBT Fencing

All types of quality fencing supplied & erected
Plus decking, slabbing & block paving

FREE QUOTES
Tel: 0121 585 9992 or 07884 344616
www.lbtfencing.co.uk

PJW FENCING

All types of fencing and gates supplied and fitted

Other services: Shed bases, slabbing and garden clearances, removal of trees, privet, old sheds and garages
QUALITY WORKMANSHIP AT COMPETITIVE PRICES • ALL AREAS COVERED

For a free quote call
0121 532 2263 or 07951 536929

Fencing & Gates

All Garden Work Undertaken

- Slabbing • Block Paving • Tree Felling
- Turfing • Garden Clearance
- NO JOB TOO SMALL**

Manufacturers of all Concrete Products eg. Concrete Posts, Gravel Boards
All work guaranteed Insurance work undertaken
Over 15 years experience (Public liability covered)

Call Steve on
01384 242891 or 07970 300586

Mot's

MOT £27.99 with this advert FREE RE-TEST

Green Garage, Unit 2a Station Road, (rear of Gold Cue Snooker Club), Blackheath, B65 0LJ
0121 559 6001

To advertise your business and reach more than 41,000 potential customers...

Carpentry

CARPENTRY SERVICES

ROBERT CHESNEY

CARPENTRY / JOINERY

KITCHEN FITTING SPECIALIST
ALL CARPENTRY WORKS
ROOFS / DOORS / LOCKS
DECKING SPECIALIST

CALL NOW FOR A FREE QUOTE
0121 421 6740
0779746939



Computers

NEED ADVICE ON COMPUTING?

- All PC Problems Resolved • Software & Hardware Installed
- Virus & Spyware Removed • PC Health Checks

• Home Network Implemented • Internet Connections Installed

DON'T BE FOOLED INTO THINKING YOU NEED A NEW PC

Call: 0121 422 7646 or: 07970 846 552

JUDR@PC SUPPORT

email: support@judrap.com www.judrap.com



Electricians

J S QUALITY ELECTRICAL SERVICES LTD

Fuseboard upgrades / complete rewires / security alarms and lighting / fault finding and repairs / shower replacements and more

Domestic / Industrial / Commercial work undertaken
Free quotations available Over 20 years' experience

Contact now:
0121 531 6884 / 07753 393562
www.jsqualityelectrical.co.uk
j.selectricalservices@hotmail.co.uk

Summer Deals now on - call for more information

Starkey Electrical Ltd

Domestic, Commercial & Industrial Electricians

For all your electrical needs in the home, garden, driveway or office/retail premises

- Landlord Compliance • Smoke alarm replacements
- Rewiring • Energy saving LED Lighting • Emergency call outs- 7 days a week • Experienced electricians NICEIC regulated • Competitive Prices/FREE quotations

www.starkeyelectrical.co.uk

OFFICE: 0121 423 3883 | 0844 561 7244

NICEIC APPROVED CONTRACTOR

ELECTRICIAN

Fully guaranteed work
Honest reliable service

ANT ELECTRIC

Ring Tony or Julie on
07974 428 603

KEEP IT LOCAL
'No Job Too Small'

MB electric

All domestic and commercial electrical works undertaken

Home rewiring from £800

For a high quality local service call:

0121 3690311

07939 503905

mbelectric.co.uk

Fascias Soffits & Guttering

Roberts Guttering Services

20% Discount

Local Specialists

Dry Verge Units Fitted

For All Aspects of

Cleaning & repair call

Robert for a

FREE quote on

07767869792

We Fit UPVC

Soffits & Fascias

Decorating



www.harrisonsdecoratingservices.co.uk

HARRISONS PAINTING & DECORATING

Commercial & Residential Work Undertaken

- Painting • Tiling
- Paperhanging • Flooring
- Kitchens • Bathrooms

Call Nick: 07792865975

nkharrison@btinternet.com

Fully Insured - Quality Finishing - Reasonable Rates

Colour Zone

Interior & exterior painting and decorating



- Special rates for OAPs
- 25 years experience
- Fully insured

0121 434 5679 07507 070786

MJD Painter & Decorator Interior & Exterior

Special discounts for OAP's
Free Quotes - Fully Insured
Commercial Work Undertaken

No job too small
Give Mick a Call
Tel: 07889923896

Michael.J.Downing@hotmail.co.uk

HALESOWEN DECORATORS Painters & Decorators

OAP DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

10% OFF with this advert
Residential and Commercial work undertaken

CALL 07860 206713

0121 602 0966

halesowndecorators@gmail.com

PAINTER & DECORATOR

Professional and reliable

Fully insured

O.A.P Discounts

For a free

quote call Carl

0121 561 1881

or 07532 200591

Oven Cleaning

Captain oven clean™

Professional Oven Cleaning Service

fully insured ✓

amazing results ✓

no call out fee ✓

eco friendly chemicals ✓

no smell, mess or fuss ✓

we charge on the oven type... not how dirty it is ✓

CHRIS BREARLEY

07972 342217

Misted Sealed Units?

Black Country Glazing

Contact US for a FREE quote!

Manufacturers & Installers of windows, doors & conservatories

'A' Rated Windows as Standard
10 YEAR GUARANTEE

Energy efficient windows that won't cost the earth

Station Street, Cradley Heath, B64 6AJ

01384 566100

www.blackcountryglazing.com



Driveways

DISCOUNT DRIVEWAYS

Block Paving and Tarmac
Drives • Paths • Patios
Slabbing • Red Tarmac
Car Parks



5 Year Guarantee
On All Work

Free Quotations and Advice

Tel: 01384 79900 • 07583 170190
www.discountdriveways.co.uk

Garage Doors

DB GARAGE DOORS

- Supply
- Repair
- Up and Over
- Side Hinged
- Made to measure
- FREE Survey & Quotation
- Install
- Roller
- Sectional
- Remote Control

www.dbshutters.co.uk

Tel: 0121 422 1990 Mob: 07860 858378

Mobile Hairdresser

MOBILE HAIRDRESSER

Cuts, Colours, Perms etc

Hair Extensions

Call Lyndsey 07795 514858

Local Specialists



Call us on...
01902 319590

E-mail us at...
mark.moore@expressandstar.co.uk

Post to...
Mark Moore, Halesowen Chronicle, Black Lake Regional Centre, West Bromwich B70 0QB

Local Specialists



Plastering

C.A. Plastering

For competitive quotes on all your refurbishment needs on plastering, boarding, overboarding, partitions, re-skimming and artex covering.
No job too small **07538 718264**

DH PLASTERERS

FROM boarding, skimming, patching and repairs TO complete rooms
GUARANTEED LOWEST PRICES
0121 422 8594 or 07985 548466

Local Specialists

AGE CONCERN & Local Authority Contractor, N.P.T.C. qualified, Public Liability Insurance (£5 million) All staff C.R.B. Certified
PART OF THE ROWAN GROUP OF COMPANIES

Property Maintenance

K S SERVICES

All types of General Repairs to your home or garden Also interior and exterior decorating
Local Friendly Service
0121 532 4861
No Job Too Small

Plumbing & Heating

KEN PERRY
PLUMBING & HEATING ENGINEER
Gas Fitting, Boiler Servicing and Immersion Heaters, Multi Point Water Heaters, Landlord's Gas Certificates, Boilers changed
Guild of Master Craftsmen Gas Safe Registered
STOURBRIDGE 392284



Local Specialists

Our Specialist Section offers you a wide range of local businesses and tradesman to deal with your needs and requirements.

Gardening

ROWAN TREE & GARDEN SERVICES LTD

*Tree Surgeon Specialist *Stump Grinding/Root Removal
*Hedges Pruned/Shaped *Jungles Cleared/Full Landscapes
*Fencing *Turfing *Concreting *Driveways & Patios
*Plus Much More Call Now For a No Obligation Quotation
WWW.ROWANGROUP.CO.UK
01384 213644 or 07733 226568

AGE CONCERN & Local Authority Contractor, N.P.T.C. qualified, Public Liability Insurance (£5 million) All staff C.R.B. Certified
PART OF THE ROWAN GROUP OF COMPANIES

SWIFT LANDSCAPES

FRIENDLY & RELIABLE SERVICE

- > PATIOS > GARDEN CLEARANCE
 - > BLOCK PAVING > FENCING
 - > BRICKWORK > DECKING
 - > DRIVEWAYS > TURFING
- FREE QUOTES:
0121 602 5943 / 07818 119 453
www.swiftlandscapes.co.uk

Roy's Mowing & Garden Maintenance



- Garden tidy up's
- Bush/tree's/conifers/hedges cut or removed
- No job too big or small
- Special rates for OAP's
- Gutters Cleaned
- Fencing and Sheds Painted/Croosoted
- Patios Jet Washed

Please call: **0121 422 5818 / 07979 980951**

R.A. GARDEN SERVICES

Established 24 years

Gardening & Landscaping Services
Including: • Tree Lopping • Hedge Cutting
• Lawn Mowing • Fencing & Slabbing
• Low Maintenance Landscaping • Gardens Cleared
FULLY INSURED • OAP DISCOUNTS

FOR FREE QUOTE CALL:
07970 876 638 • 01384 569 143
www.ragardenservices.net

Landscaping

CARDINAL LANDSCAPES

West Midlands
Specialists in Patios, Driveways, Paths, Fencing, Turfing, Decking and Landscaping
Call now for a FREE QUOTE
01902 562600 or 07539 887144

Upholstery

JC RE-UPHOLSTERY SERVICES

Specialist in Re-upholstery, Repairs and Antiques
CONTRACT & DOMESTIC
No Job too Small
FREE ESTIMATES
Choice of patterns
Quality craftsmanship
0121 561 3977 daytime
or 0121 561 2344 evenings after 6 pm

R & S Gardens

- All garden work undertaken
- Hedges and lawns cut
- General tidy and rubbish removed
- Garden landscaping and fencing work

Telephone: **07851 323303**

Driveways & Patios

Cressage Paving

Specialists in:
Block Paving, Tarmac, Landscaping, Gravelling, Patios, Fencing and Driveways
All Groundwork undertaken

FREE WRITTEN QUOTATION

Mini Digger & Driver available
01384 944032
Mob: **07879 073702**
www.cressage-group.co.uk

Pets Corner



4 PETS WHO KNOW A GOOD THING!

WE ARE A CAGE FREE SALON

5* was such a relaxing environment for my dogs, Dolly and Oscar! Thanks
Kerry-Ann Wolohan
(Facebook)

Time to look cool with a
10% DISCOUNT
during August at
Poshutz



FREE PICK UP & DROP OFF

First time I have used Posh Kutz for my dog Cane. Wish I had known about this place before!
Beverley Smith
(Facebook)

f 217 HIGH STREET, LY, DY9 8JX CALL GARY: 01384 891008 / 07557 648100 WWW.POSHKUTZ.WEEBLY.COM

Roofing

ALL WEATHER ROOFING

Slating, Tiling, New Roofs, Flat Roofs, Chimneys, Guttering, Ridges, Flashings, uPVC Fascia Cladding

FREE ESTIMATES • FAST RELIABLE SERVICE

Over 30 years experience

0121 420 1582
NO CALL OUT CHARGE

Mobile Number: **07947 839451**
allweatherroofingwestmids.co.uk
allweatherroofinguk@outlook.com

Skip Hire

MT SKIPS & GRAB HIRE

Save £££s



All size skips and all areas covered

Same day delivery faster than

A phone call!!!

Open 7 days a week
SCRAP CARS REMOVED FOR FREE
07920 88 57 74 or 01384 24 09 56

Tiling

I.C.A. TILING SERVICES



Walls, floors, bathrooms, kitchens and conservatories, Ceramic, porcelain, mosaics, slate, marble and all natural stone.

FULL BATHROOM INSTALLATION AVAILABLE

Quality workmanship at competitive prices. Fully insured. Portfolio available.

For a free quote call Ian on 01384 412796 or 07890 894631

Floor and Wall Tiling

Ceramic, Porcelain and Natural Stone

Walls • Floors • Bathrooms • Kitchens • Conservatories

All work undertaken • Call Tony for a free quote

0121 422 4116 / 07961 604632

Plumbing

HOUSEHOLD PLUMBING

(General Plumbing and Bathrooms)

iphe All installations and repairs Supply and fit or fit only

TIDY, MODERN APPROACH. REGISTERED PLUMBER

No job too small. Friendly service. Free advice and quotes

Tel: Neil 07968 786449 - 0121-602 6776
www.household-plumbing.co.uk

ELITE PLASTICS

• Fascias • Sofits • Dry Verge
• Pointing • Gutter Cleaning And Repair
Premium Products Expertly Fitted With Full Manufacture Guarantee.

For A Free Quote call
01384 468831 / 07985 575865
www.eliteplasticsupvc.co.uk

To advertise your business and reach more than 41,000 potential customers...



Call us on...
01902 319590



E-mail us at...
mark.moore@expressandstar.co.uk



Post to...
Mark Moore, Halesowen Chronicle, Black Lake Regional Centre, West Bromwich B70 0QB

Here's how to use your dating service ...

To Place your advert call: To Place your ad by text

0844 381 5936

and follow the simple instructions

YOU can now **Date ONLINE** or via your mobile just visit:

http://dating.expressandstar.com

THE biggest UK on-line database of 17 million UK **REAL** users waiting to meet **you.. visit..**

http://dating.expressandstar.com

Single Women

REMEMBER: Calls cost £1.55 per minute plus your phone company's access charge. Texts cost £1.50 per message received.

LINDA, 58, lonely lady, likes walks in the countryside and meals out. WLTM a gentleman, 59-64, n/s, Coventry area. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 423547

KATIE 35yrs, slender well educated brunette seeks no strings mutual pleasure with gent 40+. Must be discreet, married or single. ACA. Tel: 0906 515 3003 Box 419673

CARRIE single 29y old slim pretty. Care Assistant, looking for a fun guy for nights in/out, good times, love and laughter. Give me a ring. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 423489

KIM, 32yrs, attractive blonde lady seeks discreet gent for daytime distractions. ACA. Tel: 0906 500 3955 Box 421657

BEV, 32, petite, very pretty, trendy with a great figure and big personal presence, loves animals, children and WLTM fun male to be my soul mate. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 424373

JANE, young, 41, very broadminded sees chap any age for discreet no strings fun, any age, no time wasters ACA. Tel: No: 0906 515 3011 Box: 409715

CAROL, 38, slim gorgeous brunette with lots of interests looking to put some romance back into life, seeking willing male to spot rotten and love. Tel: No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 420757

KERRY, 35yrs, married in open relationship, attractive, tall, slim and very presentable. Seeks discreet gent any age for casual pleasurable encounters. Tel: 0906 515 3043 Box 422363

SANDY, mature, very young looking widow seeks fit young man to enjoy fun, cuddles and kisses. Call me. Tel: No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 423493

SOPHIA young 40yrs, married but bored, seeks discreet adult fun, any area, all calls answered. Tel: 0906 515 3019 Box: 413399

DONNA, vivacious slim brunette, 48, lives for today, fit and fun loving, sees active, easygoing male for companionship. ACA. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 423477

EMILY, mature well educated lady, blonde and smart and broadminded seeks gent any age for no strings fun. ACA. Tel: 0906 515 3023 Box 421375

LYN, 51, tall curly blue eyed blonde loves countryside, motor sports and cuddles, seeks tactile romantic male for some fun. Tel: No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 423443

LORRAINE, attractive solvent brunette, 34yrs, own house/car/wtntg gent any age, looks unimportant but must have GSOH. ACA. Tel: 0906 515 3031 Box 422425

JEAN, 56, shy brunette with lots of love to give to the right man seeks mature male to share relaxed relationship. Tel: No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 423505

JESS, pretty blonde lady, 29yrs, feminine and caring. Loves older mature men who are worldly wise. Looks unimportant must have GSOH. Text Only Box: 4000683

STACY 28y old gorgeous brunette with buxom figure, intelligent and sensual, WLTM genuine male to get to know for fun dates and more. Tel: No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 377509

KATRINA, professional sincere lady, 48yrs, loves to have a good time. Very sensual and loves men of all ages. Please text me for a chat. Text Only Box 4148978

PAULINE attractive, petite nurse, loves everyone/yourself for honest male to share loving friendship and good times. Discretion expected/assured. Tel: No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 379535

VERY attractive intelligent blonde, 59, WLTM tall attractive solvent man. No Tattoos. South Yorks. Text only Mailbox: 5430085

55 year old female looking for friendship, meals out, coffee, chats, work part time and carer for parent. Text only Mailbox: 5517508

VERY attractive blonde lady, own house in lovely village, car etc, loves travel to sunny places, entertaining, exercise WLTM male with similar interests. Text only Mailbox: 5430085

CAROLINE, slim attractive 40's fit female, OHAC, divorced and ready to be romanced again, seeks similar minded male. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 423301

It's cheaper now to refresh your love life online!
Unlimited use for just £19.95 per month
VISIT: http://dating.expressandstar.com

JEAN, 56, shy brunette with lots of love to give to the right man seeks mature male to share relaxed relationship. Tel: No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 423305

BLACK, attractive cultured lady seeks white gentleman, age 40-60 for friendship first perhaps, LTR later. Text only Mailbox: 551784

KATHERINE, 45, romantic, slim, feminine, loves to live life to the full, seeks adventurous outgoing male to appreciate and share intimate times. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 423071

LORNA 34, sensual, shapely brunette WLTM tall friendly guy for romantic no strings fun. Ask no questions, I'll tell no lies! Tel: No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 423241

CAROL 37 attractive slim blonde, curves in all the right places, nice personality, good company, looking for caring man for fun times. Tel: No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 423231

CATHY attractive 35yrs singleton, varied interests, looking for trustworthy male for companionship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 423231

SARAH 39, blonde hair, blue/green eyes, fun loving and romantic looking for new possibilities with well built, dark haired tactical male. Age unimportant. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 423093

ALISON 28, feminine, outgoing, adventurous blonde who knows what she wants, seeks fit, fun loving man to sweep her off her feet. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 423061

SABINA 35, outgoing attractive blonde, fit and carefree just looking for fun times without complications, maybe more later. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 423003

EILEEN 49, lovely blonde, adventurous and eager to please seeks intelligent male to share the fun side of life together. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 423007

JOANNA, 49 years old, looking to meet a man for friendship 50/60 years old. Text only Mailbox: 5428223

FEMALE 39, large breasted, seeks Indian/Pakistani/Kurdish male for daytime fun. Tel: No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 421733

ALISON, lonely shy blue eyed blonde, 48, just wanting to be loved, looking for caring man to pamper in return for mutual TLC. ACA. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422859

BARBARA, 44, friendly and outgoing but lonely, seeking similar lonely male to pamper, enjoy fun times and affection with. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422839

MAUREEN, 38, pretty blonde, new to the area and very lonely, looking to meet someone understanding for convenient friendship, 30-60yrs. Can travel. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422815

TINA, 43, young looking attractive single female looking for love, with similar lonely heart resorting to advertising in the hope of finding love. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 421613

JACKIE 40, slim blonde, with sultry green eyes seeks tall guy with nice eyes who understands women, for some really good times. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422819

RITA 41, exotic olive skinned female, friendly, chatty, loves to entertain, seeks loving honest man to pamper and make happy. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422723

PETRIANA, 44, very attractive, voluptuous blonde, with old-fashioned values, seeks romantic down to earth male for a special relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422717

PASSIONATE, broadminded curvy lady, 67 years very assertive discreet younger male 25-45 for no strings fun, looks unimportant. Text only Mailbox: 5480845

JULIE, petite, slim, attractive blonde young looking early 40's enjoys wine, dining, theatre seeking good looking romantic male 45-55, for mutual spoiling. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422709

JEAN, 55, blonde hair, hazel eyes, medium build, likes dancing, singing, gardening, bingo, meals out, days out, Scotland, WLTM a gentleman any age for company and friendship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422651

SARA 34y old single mum looking for a genuine male to make me laugh again and help put the spark back into my life. Looks unimportant. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422541

JACKIE, 49, dark hair, green eyes, cuddly build, likes going out, gym, reading, looking for an honest gentleman for friendship and possibly relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422257

MANDY 44, fun blonde, petite size 6-8, gorgeous green eyes seeks special male for friendship and uncomplicated love. Age unimportant. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422633

FEMALE, 33, blue eyes, long blonde hair, pretty, slim, looking for Asian man to have some discreet no strings fun with. Text only Mailbox: 5495296

GILL, 61, slim dark eyed blonde seeks tall carefree male who is looking for someone special for fun times with no complications. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422843

WIDOW, 52, looking for a gentleman for friendship, days out, meals out and for friendship and companionship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 48, curly black female, likes cooking, cinema, socialising, seeking friendship leading to LTR, must be honest, romantic, caring and loyal and have a GSOH. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422633

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice up her spare time. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 422455

JOANNE, 45, hard working nurse with crazy sense of humour looking for fun male with plenty of ideas to spice

Classified Ads

Buy Local, Sell Local

funeral directors

N.E.DOWNING
(Blackheath) Ltd

Independent
family run
Funeral Directors
24 hour service
Halesowen
0121 422 2794

www.nedowning.co.uk

1 Family

elderly & disabled

MOBILITY SCOOTERS from £350 can deliver/servicing available. Call: Powerline, Blackheath 01384 255019 / 07831 246292.

SMALL ONE Doser recliner bed, perfect condition, unused. £750. 01902 336700. After 6pm.

WREKIN STAIRLIFTS reconditioned lifts from £799. New available. 01952 405397/07897 273617

2 Leisure Time

camping equipment

TENT and all camping equipment, to much to list, all as new. £300. 07593 708640. 0121 502 3680.

caravans / motorhomes

A BEAUTIFUL PARK NR LUDLOW Caravans. 35x12. DG & CH from £15,000. 11 month season. 01584823433. www.bcpark.co.uk

ATLAS DIAMOND SUPER 38 x 12. 2-bedroomed. Sleeps 6. En-suite. CH. DG. Balcony. Parking for two cars. Club. Shops. Beach. Indoor pool. Near Aberystwyth. Clarich Holiday Village.

£11,950 or PX Towner or Camper. 07904 612854.

AVONDALE CLASSIC Mayfly. 96, lightweight. 2 berth, little used, motor mover, owner retiring. £1,995. 01902 895481.

BK CONTESSA Bluebird. 2003. Static. 26ft x 12ft. Caravan. 2 bedroom, 6-berth, sighted close near to the river in Worcester. Very good condition. £8,500 ovno. 01691 659701 or 07583 629907.

CARAVAN 1998 Lunar 462, 2 berth. Model LX2000 with mover and towsure porch awning.

Ready to go.

Serviced 2016.

£2,500.

01902 893055.

CITROEN ROMA HOME Reg 1997, under 48,000 miles, fully equipped, 12 months MOT, excellent condition. £6,000. 01299 271401.

HOLIDAY HOME Cosalt Sherwood 44 x 20 x 2 bed Lodge, on beautiful Bright Water Lakes Park, Welshpool, SY21 9DL. Fully furnished. Large veranda. £79,950. 07852 922722.

STATIC CARAVAN 35 X 10 6-berth with decking, Mid Wales. Site fees paid for 2016. Dog friendly. £4,250 ono. 07922 351352. No texts.

STATIC CARAVAN for sale, on quiet country site, contents included. Site fees paid until March 2017. £10,000. ono. 07734 910473

STATIC HOLIDAY HOME On quiet farm site, Patio, parking area by van, fishing, woodland walks on site, Chelmarsh, nr Bridgnorth, fees paid till 2017. £16,000. 01746 861192.



SWIFT FREESTYLE 460 Immaculate, 2010. 2-berth. End washroom. Oven, Hob, Grill. Microwave, 3 way fridge. Carpets, CD / radio, Awning, Alko stabilizer, Aquarell, Wastemaster, Motormover, Electric hook-up, Tyre safety band, CRIS. Ready to go. £8,500. 01691 791544/07980 850051.

TUDOR AMBASSADOR STC. Caravan with decking area, 1994 model located at Hampton Lodge, 35ft x 12ft 2 bed. Residential site open all year. £13,000 ono. Call David 07514 505818.

VAN ROYCE 520CK 1994, luxury 5-berth tourer, 17ft, twin diner, many extras including full awning. £950. 01727 555170.

caravans wanted

WANTED ALL CARAVANS Any age or condition. Also motorhomes wanted. **TOP PRICES PAID** Immediate collection. **CALL THOMAS** 07776373150

fishing

FISHING TACKLE WANTED anything considered. New or Old. 01902 754011 or 07931 568716

jumble sales / fetes

BRIC-A-BRAC FAIR Sunday 14th August

KINVER COMMUNITY CENTRE DY7 6ER 10.30am - 4pm Tel: 01384 894464

music shop

WANTED DRUM KIT beginner. Must be in good condition. Can collect. 01384 484309 / 07930 949337.

sports & leisure

FULL SIZE SNOOKER TABLE with slate bed. £2000. Good condition, ideal for games room. £150. Both excellent condition. 0121 3535015.

what's on

antique fairs

ANTIQUE/ COLLECTORS FAIR CORNWALL HALL, HAGLEY STREET, HALESOWEN, B63 3AT (NEXT TO WILKOS), FRIDAY 19TH AUGUST 8.00AM - 4PM 07783 680 627 www.blackcountryfairs.co.uk

HAVE YOU CHECKED your advertisement today? We would respectfully remind advertisers that it is their responsibility to inform the public of any potential inaccuracies on the first day of publication.

3 Home & Services

antiques

furniture

BFC FURNITURE

Open Everyday 10am-6pm

OPEN SUNDAY 10AM - 4PM

Divan beds from £49, Mattresses from £29, Ortho mats from £59. Memory foam mats £79. Metal frame divan frames - Singles £49, Double £69. Bed frames £99.

Choose from our specialised stocks of Mobility Chairs in leather and fabric - many models to choose saving up to 50% eg Roberto lift and tilt in leather. Was £99 and HALF PRICE £349

BFC FACTORY OUTLET

CONYEYOR ROAD END EST,

GREAT BRIDGE RD, TIPTON DY4 8XF.

VISA

OFF A46 2 MINS FROM NEW

0121 541 6885

BIG CHOICE OF DINING FURNITURE

MAHOGANY BERESFORD AND HICKS DINING ROOM SUITE

8 chairs, pullout table, ornate legs, corner unit and display cabinet with lights. £100 ono.

Call 01902 340457 or 07956 464554.

household appliances

PHILLIPS WHIRLPOOL fridge freezer, American style ice / water dispenser, excellent condition £250. 07593 545087.

in your garden

FLOWERING POTS annuals / perennials, suitable for graves / patios. From £2.50. 01902 762500.

GARDEN AWNING 8ft long, remote control, excellent condition, £500 ono. 07906 283165.

GARDEN POND Fibreglass, 3m x 2m, complete with OASE filter and UV light, sleepers, lights, fish and plants. £360. 07957 224214.

STONE PATIO SET, table, bench and stools, all carved, £200.00. Telephone 01746 764839 or 07885 699589.

items for sale

GENERATOR 1.1KVA used, now, £75. Plus set of double aluminium ladders. £30. Or £100 for both. 07953 545087.

TRAILER 4ft x 3ft, with cover, immaculate condition. Used twice. £150. 01902 834112.

items wanted

ALL GOLD 9CT £300 PER OUNCE CASH PAID TODAY A GENUINE LADY BUYER

All Beswick • Doulton • Worcester • Moorcroft • Lladro • Old coins

• WATCHES • COSTUME JEWELLERY

• Diamonds and Gold Coins • Clocks • Paintings

• ALL SILVER • All Oriental Items

Pre/47 silver coins All war medals etc

Anything old & interesting

Call: 07956 391885

A BEST CASH PRICE

FOR ALL RAILWAY COLLECTIONS

Any gauge or age

Hornby • Bachmann • Bowmans

• Roundhouse • Graham Farish

• Any live steam. Also Die Cast,

Corgi, Dinky, Spot On,

01843 836210 / 07891 713547.

theretrainmaster67@hotmail.com

READERS ARE ADVISED to carefully consider all of their options before agreeing to the sale of any of their items.

specialists at your service

building services

DAVIES & SON BUILDERS

Over 35 years experience in the industry. All aspects of building work including: Extensions, loft conversions, driveways & landscaping. Discounts offered.

01902 579592 / 07837 994465

carpet & upholstery cleaning

A CLASS CARPET & UPHOLSTERY CLEANING

OAP discount. Recession Prices.

Unbeatable Value. Rooms cleaned from £10

Call Paul 07870 341089

external rendering/ insulation

50% OFF ALL EXTERNAL RENDERING. SMALL jobs no problem, fully guaranteed 07891 920567

fencing

ClassifiedAds

PORWAY FENCING

IT WORKS FOR ME

"I am extremely happy with the service I get from my Express & Star Classified Sales Representative and I would recommend them to anyone!"

Michael - Portway Fencing.

FOR GREAT BUSINESS RESULTS CALL

01902 319 191

Brought to you by Express & Star

portway fencing

SPECIAL OFFER

10 large quality fence panels, concrete posts, gravel boards £695

HEAVY DUTY PANELS SUPPLIED AND FITTED

0121 531 5250 / 07866 137 656

Mon - Fri 8am - 4.30pm

Sat 8am - 12noon

83 Portway Rd, W'bury

www.portwayfencing.co.uk

gardening services

FREE UP SPACE GARAGES AND SHEDS CLEARED

Call: 07956 391885

GARDENS TIDIED from £5 per garden. 25 years experience. Call 01902 713105 / 07813 184086.

JAY'S MAINTENANCE General fencing and garden maintenance

Call: Jay 07890 874823

gas fitting

READERS ARE ADVISED To check that anyone carrying out any gas work is Gas Safe Registered.

It is an offence under the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations 1998 to carry out gas work in the UK without being on the Gas Safe Register.

Gas Safe Register: 0800 438 5588

properties wanted

EVERY TIME

WE PAY 100% of purchase price



We buy any house

- FAMILY BUSINESS
- COMPLETION TO SUIT YOU
- FAST FRIENDLY SERVICE
- NO FEES/FREE SOLICITORS

WE ALSO BUY LAND

30 yrs

0800 999 999 6
or 01902 628047 24/7 www.black-countryhomes.co.uk

Need to sell your home fast?

Purchase Agreed Within
7 DAYS

We can help you make a fresh start
With solutions to suit ...
you can clear your debts and make a fresh start

MARION | PROPERTY SOLUTIONS

WHY NOT CALL US TODAY *Terms and
for an informal, friendly and confidential chat?
Conditions apply

0121 405 0797 OUR LINES ARE OPEN 24/7

Home Cash Buyer

Sell today, sign today, complete when u wish
£££ RENT BACK OPTIONS £££

Houses / Land Required

Ring Paul 24/7 Local **07870 341 089**

Sandwell area: Call 0121 696 4154

Walsall & Cannock area: Call 01922 432049

Wolverhampton: Call 01902 489901

www.homecashbuyer.co.uk

7
Jobs

employment wanted

MOT TESTER seeks full or part time work, all Classes covered. Dudley based. 07950 398750 or 01384 823222.

engineering

WELDER TIG / MIG
Required for work on vibratory bowl feeders, vibratory conveyor and special purpose handling equipment.
Must be able to weld and build equipment from drawings.
Good all round practical experience is necessary.
In the first instance please write to:-

Stuart Smith,
Works Director
Alphamation Ltd
9 Bassett Road
Cradley, Halesowen
West Midlands B63 2RE
Email :
alphamation@btconnect.com



Eccles Tooling Systems would like to offer the following exciting opportunities within our busy engineering department.

Skilled Patternmakers / Toolmakers
Offering high rates of pay alongside an extremely competitive pay structure.
Excellent working conditions with regular overtime opportunities.

Please contact us via email at
neil@ecclestooling.com

Tel 0121 585 5908

Eccles Tooling Systems,

14 Chancel Way, Halesowen, B62 8SE

full time - general

Eccles Tooling Systems
The Tooling Experts

properties wanted

WE PAY 100% of purchase price

We buy any house

- FAMILY BUSINESS
- COMPLETION TO SUIT YOU
- FAST FRIENDLY SERVICE
- NO FEES/FREE SOLICITORS

WE ALSO BUY LAND

30 yrs

0800 999 999 6
or 01902 628047 24/7 www.black-countryhomes.co.uk

Need to sell your home fast?

Purchase Agreed Within
7 DAYS

We can help you make a fresh start
With solutions to suit ...
you can clear your debts and make a fresh start

MARION | PROPERTY SOLUTIONS

WHY NOT CALL US TODAY *Terms and
for an informal, friendly and confidential chat?
Conditions apply

0121 405 0797 OUR LINES ARE OPEN 24/7

Home Cash Buyer

Sell today, sign today, complete when u wish
£££ RENT BACK OPTIONS £££

Houses / Land Required

Ring Paul 24/7 Local **07870 341 089**

Sandwell area: Call 0121 696 4154

Walsall & Cannock area: Call 01922 432049

Wolverhampton: Call 01902 489901

www.homecashbuyer.co.uk

8
Motoring

cars over £1500

FORD FIESTA Style Climate, 2013, 5dr hatchback, 1.25 litre, 16v, silver, MoT July 2017, 69,000 miles, very clean in and out. £1,700. 07838 897693.

FORD FOCUS 1.6, 08, 70k miles, MoT August 2017, 1 previous owner, alloys, EW, AC, EM, CD, HFS, £2,895 ono. 07730 496811.

HONDA ACCORD 2.2 CTDI 2006, 86,000 miles, fsh, 1 owner from new, pearl blue, a/c, cruise, abs, e/w, e/m, alloys, CD, heated leather interior, a/s new turbo.

£2,995.

01902 540702.

KIA PICANTO 2011, 20,000 miles, black, fsh, long MoT, good condition, £2,850. 07989 331963.

MAZDA 3 SPORT 2005, 5dr, hatchback, 1.8, 16v, 5 speed, sports pack, AC, radio/CD, MoT Feb 17, lovely car, £2,550. 01384 401209.

NISSAN MICRA 1.0, 2003, reg. 77,000 miles, 12 months MoT, very economical, good condition, £450. Telephone 01902 405757.

NISSAN MICRA 1.3 1999, silver, dual control, automatic, no MoT.

Offers 07837 362124 or 01902 845974

PEUGEOT 206CC 1.6 2dr, quick silver, 54, reg. 66k miles, manual, petrol, 16v, 5 speed, MoT, immaculate, £995. 07825 779893.

PEUGEOT 307 2007, 136000 Miles, Grey, electric windows, air bag, air con, pas, MoT, 10mth, MoT central locking, pas, tax £800 ono 07903 461999.

RENAULT CLIO DCI 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

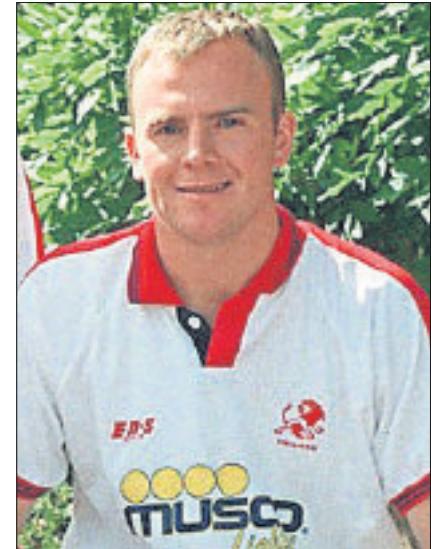
RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £600 ono. 07478 712913.

RENAULT CLIO 2004, Blue, electric windows, alarm, MoT, central lock, sunroof, CD, private reg £6



Cannock hockey club's title-winning line-up of 1996 – the first of seven league championships during a 10-year period of dominance



Bobby Crutchley is now England national coach



Cannock players celebrate winning the national league in 1998

club champions go for gold in Olympics role

SPORTING FEATURE

By Adam Cooper

"We had won the league at a canter but you could only call yourselves champions if you won the final. We did."

THIS year marks the 20th anniversary since the Cannock Men's Hockey team won their first national championship. This success, in 1995/96, was the first of many in what was a dominant period for the side.

Since the league's inception in 1988/89, Cannock have won the National League seven times, with all seven titles coming in a 10-year period, starting with that 1996 triumph.

During the same period, Cannock also won three national cups and lifted the double in both 1998 and 2005.

Cannock's success was highlighted by the personal achievements of a number of the players. From 1998-2004 Cannock were proudly represented by a number of players at Olympic Games. Craig Parnham competed at both Sydney 2000 and Athens 2004. Jimi Lewis was also at Sydney and Chris Mayer competed four years previously in Atlanta.

Treasured

After such successful careers at Cannock, and at national level, all three have taken the opportunity to be involved in coaching.

Parnham is the current USA women's head coach, Lewis, a former netminder, is the current goalkeeper coach for the German national team, while Mayer currently coaches at Solihull School, having previously coached for England, and Leicester Ladies.

All three hold treasured memories of their time at Cannock, most notably their play-off success against Reading in 1999, in which all three played. The game went to penalties after Cannock fought back from 3-1 down to draw. Lewis earned hero status, saving three of the six flicks he faced.

Mayer saw it as the ultimate achievement. "It was

the first year that play-offs had been done, we had won the league at a canter but you could only call yourselves champions if you won the final. We did."

It wasn't until the late-1980s that Cannock began to be recognised as an elite club. The biggest step was qualifying for the National League in 1988, meaning the club could compete and attract some of the sport's biggest names. What followed was a dominant 10 years and Cannock's most successful period to date.

The 90s saw Cannock recognised as an elite coaching and training club, which in turn boosted their status, though Lewis admits he found it tough to leave Havant, where he had previously spent his entire career.

"I'd moved up through the youth teams into the first team. We got relegated in the 1996/97 season and to continue competing for a spot in the men's senior national team I decided I needed to be playing for a Premier League team," he said.

"I knew a lot of Cannock players through the national team set up and I liked the working man's attitude of the club."

Mayer, meanwhile, saw it as an opportunity to follow in his family's footsteps. Having watched his el-

ders play before him for a number of years, he wanted to continue the family legacy.

He said: "My father was a player at the club and both my brother and I used to go and watch him play. Once old enough I started to play for the club. My first game was for the sixth team when I was 11. I played left wing. We lost 10-0! My grandfather, uncle and brother all played at Cannock too."

Parnham's decision was based simply on Cannock's status as the best in the country.

With the Rio Olympics now under way, both Lewis and Parnham, who will be coaching their respective nations at the Games against Team GB, coached by former Cannock team-mate Bobby Crutchley who has been involved with the national side since 2005.

During his playing career Crutchley played worldwide for both club and country. At club level, he played in Australia and Italy as well as at a number of clubs in England and won numerous titles at both Cannock and Hounslow. Crutchley was top scorer in all three countries and earned the right to play at national level when he won bronze at the 1998 Commonwealth Games.

Crutchley also took the opportunity to coach part-time, gaining valuable experience with regard to his current position as England first-team coach.

He said: "I had done a lot of coaching while still playing, so had a significant amount of experience when I finished playing. I then got really lucky getting the job at the University of Bath, where a number of other sports were based, so I got the opportunity to learn from a lot of highly successful coaches. During this time I started to work with the England junior teams and gradually got more opportunities."

Crutchley is hoping to lead England to their first gold medal since 1988. Lewis will be seeking a back-to-back gold medal with the German national team, while Parnham will strive for the USA women's first ever Olympic gold.



Chris Mayer - family affair



Craig Parnham in action for Cannock



Jimi Lewis – penalty hero in 1999



Just champion as Cannock celebrate the National League winners trophy in 2003

SPORTS DESK 01902 319531



Hockey champions now going for Olympic gold

Page 47



CHRON.SPORT@EXPRESSANDSTAR.CO.UK

Griffiths is buoyant after gutsy victory

STAND-IN Halesowen skipper Wes Griffiths was delighted to end his temporary stint on a high with a tense win over Cannock & Rugeley Hawks last Saturday.

A brilliant century from teenage batsman Mushtaq Shazad (107) led them to a solid 228 all out from 55 overs.

They then put in a superb all-around bowling performance, led by overseas player Liam Ross-Watt (3-50), to dismiss their opponents for 206 with six overs remaining.

It was a gutsy display from Halesowen to claim 24 points and move up to fifth in the Birmingham and District League Division Two ahead of an away clash with Penkridge this Saturday.

Griffiths, who will take a back seat again next week with the return of club captain Richard Brooker, was in jubilant mood. "I can't remember one ever feeling so sweet," he said. "We showed some unbelievable character to come back from some difficult positions."

"It was a really good team effort and hopefully the momentum can keep going through the next few weeks."

The Second XI saw their poor form continue with a comprehensive, seven-wicket defeat at the hands of Kidderminster. They were struggling with player unavailability and injuries as they collapsed to 101 all out despite a determined half-century from Jujhar Johal.

Their opponents had no trouble chasing their target for the loss of just three wickets, and they will now aim to get back to winning ways at home against Knowle & Dorridge on Saturday.

Good knocks from John Aston (55) and Callum Gutteridge (42) were not enough for the Thirds to chase down a total of 236 against Bromsgrove. They host Himley on Saturday (1pm), whilst the Fourth return to action at Himley.

Thomas and team miss out on Rio gymnastics medal

KRISTIAN Thomas and his GB teammates missed out on a team gymnastics medal at the Rio Olympics.

Wolverhampton-born Thomas, who trains in Halesowen, saw his team holding on to third place for most of the competition, before being nudged into fourth. Louis Smith slipped off the pommel horse, scoring 14.766 and effectively ending their slim chances of nudging back in on the medals.

Even a strong finale from world champion Max Whitlock, scoring 15.991, could not rectify the situation as the Britons – also including Brinn Bevan and Nile Wilson – were forced to settle for fourth.

But Thomas insists they will not dwell on the disappointment. Individual medals are still up for grabs.

Thomas said: "It didn't happen here, but we have all got individual finals so we can now re-focus and head towards them."

In the team event, Japan took gold, RSA silver and 2102 champions China, who had hardly figured until a stunning parallel bars performance in the penultimate routine, taking bronze.

Singh adds to his double success

JORDAN Singh claimed his first BDO ranking title in two years after going all the way at the European Youth Open.

The England Youth international was the top boy in the prospects' ranks competing at the same venue in Blackpool as the organisation's men and women.

The 17-year-old from Darlaston, who lives in Walsall, had previously taken International and British Open honours, but last weekend's glory ended a long-wait to make it a hat-trick, beating Bradley Brooks in the final following his defeat of Dudley's Reece Colley in the last four.

Darts

That was one prize settled on the inaugural European Darts Weekend, sponsored by the sports' brand Winmau and events company Shownights.com, at the Norbreck Castle Hotel.

Tipton's Jamie Hughes recorded the best run of the West Midlands throwers in the Saturday's European Classic, reaching the last 32.

Bloxwich's Shaun Carroll was also in Group Four but lost 4-3 to Bryan Suckley after eliminating Ross Gilder Jnr and Carl Dennen. Stuckley went on to put out Hughes following his wins over

Geraint Davies 4-1, and then 4-3 results over Andrew Beaumont and Dave Parletti.

Cannock's Mark Craddock, Wednesbury's Matthew Dicken, Wolverhampton's Michael Baker and Tipton's Chris Glover all bowed out after their first tie.

Hughes was also the pick of the West Midlands' darters in Sunday's European Open, going a phase further to the last 16. Carroll made it to the last 32 in Group Five, while Baker got to the last 64 in Group Two.

Craddock, after a bye, was beaten 4-1 by Matt Padgett, at the last 128 stage in Group Five, after Dicken and Glover had already gone out.

AT DOUBLE FOR HAMMER WIN

FORMER Cradley Heathens hero Steve Worrall made history with a dramatic win in the 2016 F.A.S.T Golden Hammer at Monmore Green.

Worrall became the first rider of the modern era to win their showpiece individual event on two occasions after a tense run-off win over Kyle Howarth.

Having also won the prize in 2014, he joins an illustrious club of multiple Golden Hammer winners alongside former world champions Erik Gundersen and Sam Ermolenko plus iconic British talent Kenny Carter.

Worrall, who led Heathens to a clean sweep of National League honours two years ago, was pre-meeting favourite and roared around Wolves reserve Kyle Howarth on the opening bend of heat two for a crucial victory. Home favourite Ashley Morris lowered Worrall's colours with a brave first bend in heat seven, but Worrall sliced under Cradley skipper Max Clegg on the fourth bend of lap two to limit the damage.

From then, he was imperious – reeling off three successive race wins.

Third place went to Josh Bates on countback courtesy of his win over Heathens' Morris, who was unfortunate to miss out having been the only rider to defeat Worrall.

F.A.S.T GOLDEN HAMMER (top eight): Steve Worrall 14 (1st after run-off), Kyle Howarth 14, Josh Bates 12, Ashley Morris 12, Max Clegg 11, Adam Ellis 10, Dan Bewley 9, Adam Roynon 8, Tom Perry 7, Ben Morley 5, Matt Williamson 5, Nathan Greaves 4, Lee Dicken 4, Luke Cheddell 1, Richard Andrews 1, Lee Smart 1, Ben Basford 0 (res), Bradley Andrews 0 (res).

DEADLY duo Ashley Morris and Max Clegg secured a last-gasp maximum to maintain Heathens' play-off push, beating Isle of Wight 45-44.

The hosts led by three going into the last race but Morris and Clegg secured the 5-1 they needed.

Isle of Wight: Mark Baseby 10+1, James Cockle 10, Lee Smart 10, Kelley Dugard 6+2, Chris Widman 6+1, George Pipe 2, Tyler Goyer 0.

Cradley: Ashley Morris 14, Max Clegg 10+1, Luke Cheddell 7+1,

Bradley Andrews 7+1, Richard Andrews 5+1, Ben Basford 2+1,

James Purchase r/r.

Cyclist triumphs over tragedy



Halesowen Cycling Club's Charles Walker

THIS year has been a breakthrough one for Halesowen Cycling Club's Charles Walker. The 19-year-old has risen through the ranks thanks to 11 wins, including overall victory in the prestigious Ras De Cymru stage race.

Walker, a bike mechanic at Lye's Bache Brothers cycle shop, has been with the Manor Way club since the age of 13. An elite licence, which would allow him to race regularly with the best domestic professionals, is now within reach. Yet it could so easily have been a tale of tragedy.

In March Walker, riding home from work, was hit from behind by a car doing 60mph on the Halesowen bypass. His injuries included a dislocated shoulder and damage to his hip. It could have been far worse but he insists it has left him with no mental scars.

"I guess I just had to get on with it," he says. "I just got back on my bike. I missed around five or six weeks at a pretty important time and, to be honest, I wasn't expecting much when I came back."

However, since his return, Walker has just seemed to win – and win. He gives most of the credit to his coach, Jacob Tipper, a former Halesowen rider who now races on the elite circuit for the Pedal Heaven pro team.

"I'm as determined as I've always been yet being on a slightly different training programme has helped," Walker said.

"I know how to win the races now," he added. "I've always been there or thereabouts in the past. Once I got that first win, everything seemed much easier."

Hatton leads his charges into battle

BOXING legend Ricky Hatton will co-promote a bill at Walsall FC next month.

Hatton will be in the corner when two of his protégés feature in chief support bouts for the On the Rise card at the Banks's Stadium on September 2, held in conjunction with Errol Johnson's Black Country Boxing.

Headlining at the Stadium Suite will be Halesowen's super middleweight Lennox Clarke.

The undefeated 25-year-old is looking to extend his record to 13 wins, having already registered five KOs, without reply.

Hatton will lead heavyweight Nathan Gorman and super welterweight Reuben Arrowsmith into battle, as part of the supporting cast.

Three more bouts comprise the under-card with Sandwell's Manny Zaber, Wolverhampton's Kyle Williams and Adam Harper all featuring.

Zaber, from Old Hill, has racked up seven wins from seven pro contests since turning over from the unlicensed circuit and is targeting a super featherweight showdown with Dudley's Les Byfield.

Former world kickboxing champion Williams, 24, aims to make it a hat-trick of boxing victories after outpointing Anwar Alfaid and Ian Haisall at bantamweight so far.

Harper, from Tewkesbury in Gloucestershire, has claimed British and International Challenge middleweight titles in just five contests since first punching for pay.

Tickets are on sale now at £30 for a standard unreserved seat with VIPs at £60, including a two-course meal on tables of 10.

For more information and to purchase, call the Walsall FC box office on 01922 651 414, extension 416.

Injury blow as Yeltz fall at home again

Halesowen Town 2 Gresley FC 4
Halesowen suffered a third consecutive home friendly defeat. The Yeltz also suffered a double early injury blow with Ashley Parsons-Smith stretchered off in the 10th minute after bundling into Matt Melbourne in the penalty area.

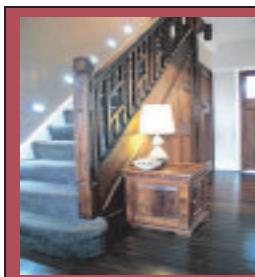
A penalty was awarded and Pearson Mwanyongo scored. Parsons-Smith's replacement Bradley Lewis lasted two minutes before limping off, to be replaced by Asa Charlton.

Courtney Meade put Gresley 2-0 ahead before Yeltz pulled two back from a trialist and Tryree Clarke. Toby Fura added two more for Gresley.

★★★
The Chronicle, a Midland News Association Ltd publication, printed by the company at Ketley, Telford.

Thursday, August 11, 2016

NEWS SUPPORT RECYCLING
The recycled content of newspapers in 2015 was 71%

Starkey Electrical Ltd

Halesowen based Domestic, Commercial & Industrial Electricians

info@starkeyelectrical.co.uk www.starkeyelectrical.co.uk

0121 423 3883 / 0844 561 7244 Office / 07967 650567

Starkey Electrical Ltd - Your local, energy efficient electrician



Follow us on 

